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## Lake and woodland saved for the future

By Jenna Pudelek

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HOUSING association bosses have pledged to protect Greggs Wood Lake after placing the highest bid to buy the Sherwood site.

Town & Country Housing Group secured the 47-acres of green space after putting in a £147,500 bid. It hopes to have the deal finalised by the end of the month. The move has been given a cautious welcome by residents who fought long and hard to ensure access and no development on the site.

Colin Lissenden, the association's development director, said vital work such as fixing the leaking dam could now go ahead.

"It will be protected for the future," he said. "We have plans for it relating to its management and long-term ownership that will see a community-based approach. It is part of wider ini-

tiatives and we feel it is a big driver for the local community."

The lake and ancient woodland has had a troubled past, with the land under threat from development.

But after an 18-month battle by the Friends of Sherwood Lake (FoSL), a local campaign group, the site was awarded 'town green' status by Kent County Council last October.

Although the new designation protected the land it still needed to be maintained and it was feared that an unfriendly owner could stop local people enjoying the space.

John Chappell, FoSL's chair, said: "It is good news that at least it is someone we know purchasing it. We still have some reservations, but the main thing is to make sure we all get along and want the same thing."

"We have town green status and now

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Picture: ADY KERRY

## Key to a wonderful week

■ A HIT: Big crowds flocked to see Kent at the Nevill for cricket week **SEE SPORT**

### COUNCIL

## Mixed views to civic survey

"BIASED" and a "total white-wash" are among the responses to the long-awaited report on the future of the Tunbridge Wells civic complex. The results of the consultation process provided no clear answers but will now form the backbone of further public and council debate.

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### ECONOMY

## Festival will inject '£20m'

ORGANISERS of this year's three-day Hop Farm Festival say it will bring a £20 million cash boost to the local area. The star-studded event, which takes place in Paddock Wood over the weekend of July 1-3 features the likes of Prince, The Eagles, Lou Reed and Morrissey.

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### ACCIDENT

## Elderly hurt in escalator fall

TWO pensioners were recovering this week from head injuries after taking a tumble from the escalator at Royal Victoria Place. The friends had been in the shopping centre last Sunday when one lost their footing and they both took a nasty tumble. Both were treated in hospital.

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TUMBLE

Pensioners left with head injuries after escalator fall

AN elderly couple both suffered head injuries after taking a terrifying tumble down a shopping centre escalator.

Shoppers in Royal Victoria Place, Tunbridge Wells, looked on helplessly as the woman, 87, fell first closely followed by her 91-year-old male friend, who landed on top of her.

The drama occurred last Sunday, May 29. Ambulance crews say the man had lost his balance and his companion had tried to catch him. But they both fell from the upper part of the escalator.

Security staff and passing shoppers provided first aid and called 999.

Nurse Tony Kemp, who volunteers as an emergency responder for South East Coast Ambulance Service, was first to arrive on the scene.

He said: "This had the potential to be a very serious incident and the security team provided very high quality care to the two injured people from the outset. "The couple were taken to the Kent & Sussex for further treatment."

A spokesman for RVP said: "The gentleman lost his balance whilst stepping onto the up escalator and fell backwards on top of the woman. The incident was dealt with immediately by centre security staff and the emergency services were contacted to treat the couple."

FESTIVAL

Hop Farm hits £20m right note

**By Chris Britcher**  
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HOP Farm Festival chiefs say they believe this summer's music extravaganza will inject a staggering £15-20million into the local economy.

The three-day event, which runs at the Paddock Wood venue between July 1-3, is headlined by Prince, Morrissey and The Eagles.

Some 120,000 people are expected to attend over the weekend – with many coming from across Europe to soak up the atmosphere.

What's more, organisers say they are determined to ensure no traffic nightmares for the surrounding roads.

Explains promoter Vince Power: "I'd say 99.9 per cent of people living nearby are now happy with the festival. It brings a huge amount of business to the area. The amount of money that flows in is incredible."

"I'd say the Hop Farm is probably worth between £15-20m to the area's economy for that weekend.

"Hotels will be packed, shops busy. It's great – every petrol station will be sold out."

Mr Power has been desperate to establish the event as a major draw for crowds since it was first set up in 2008. Since then, it has seen the likes of Bob Dylan, Neil Young, and Paul Weller perform.

And Mr Power says he's happy with how it's developed: "I have no plans to change or move the festival. We have a deal with them, they are pleased with us, and we're pleased with them.

"We are fully aware of the issues on the traffic front. We had a problem with Neil Young as everyone bought a ticket just for one day and then headed home at the same time.

"Now lots of people will be camping, plus we have more parking, and more park and ride schemes, so we won't congest the area.

"It's like pouring water into a funnel. It goes in quicker than it comes out. Hopefully it won't be too bad."

Mr Power says tickets are selling well and have been boosted since Prince was added.

Tickets for the event range from £70 for one day to £170 for the weekend.

**■ For a full interview with Vince Power turn to pages 14-15.**

CONSERVATION

'We want to protect these woods for the community'

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it is about working together in partnership. As long as Town & Country can do that and abide by the green rules, overall it is good news."

He said once ownership transfers to Town & Country the main issues will be maintenance and improving access.

Sherwood resident Alan Bullion said: "I think any concerns will be about the plans for the site, everyone was so excited about it gaining 'town green' status and I think people will want to know that whoever takes it over wants to protect it.

"The main thing is its future status as a community green and that it will be a community facility for all. Town & Country seem to be on board with that."

Many had hoped that Tunbridge Wells Borough Council would step in to secure the land for the community.

Mr Bullion added: "I was disappointed because I do have reservations about why a developer, which is what Town & Country is, would want to buy some woodland. With the council it is an asset, it is in their area and they have the whole of the community to respond to, not just people in Sherwood."

The land is currently owned by Gleeson Homes, which recently agreed a purchase option with another company. The company then put the site up for auction and it went under the hammer in London.

Town & Country's Mr Lissenden said: "We felt that in order for the lake and woods to reach their highest potential, be managed and secure and safe, it was best in public ownership or at least with someone with a vested interest.

"We wanted to make sure we protect these woods for the community in the long-term."

Jonathan MacDonald, the council's director of regeneration and sustainability, said: "We are delighted that this wonderful amenity has been secured for the long term benefit of the community."

Tunbridge Wells MP and planning minister Greg Clark added: "This is brilliant news for Sherwood."

Friends of Sherwood Lake want to see the continued use of the space by the community and also aim to set up a fishing club.



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## CRIME

# Fed up farmers call on 24-hour security firms to deter rural crooks

By Chris Britcher

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DESPERATE farmers are turning to private security firms in a bid to bring to a halt a rural crime spree which is threatening their livelihoods.

As we reported two months ago, a spate of thefts from farms has cost hard-pushed rural businesses thousands of pounds.

Now many are calling on private firms to boost up security.

Rural areas around Tunbridge Wells, Tonbridge, Sevenoaks and Maidstone have been among the worst hit, along with Canterbury and Ashford.

One of the firms hired is Precreate Security. It is providing 24-hour mobile patrols in a bid to provide peace of mind to farmers concerned they will fall victim again.

Farmers have clubbed together to fund the extra security measures.

Gary Jackson of Precreate said: "Farms have become targets for organised crime gangs. Expensive tractors and machinery are getting stolen and shipped off to Eastern Europe.

"The added problem for farmers is that their

land is generally spread out over large areas making it difficult to protect all their property.

"A few of the farmers in the area have joined together in recent weeks to provide a security presence for all their farms and we have installed sensors to alert us of intruders, alarms and mobile response units.

"It means we can be on site within minutes of an alarm being triggered or from a call out from one of our clients."

Police sources have said machinery theft has been linked to organised crime and police have recovered equipment from the county's farms as far away as Poland.

Gangs target what is seen as a lucrative source of cash or they use the stolen machinery in other crimes such as breaking into cash machines.

Heavy machinery includes excavators, fork-lift trucks, grass cutters, tractors, generators, cement mixers and road breakers. A single piece of equipment can cost up to £300,000.

NFU Mutual – the financial services arm of the National Farmers' Union – has reported a 5.5 per cent increase in tractor thefts in the past year and 15 per cent increase in thefts from homes in rural areas.



**CRIME-WAVE:** Farmers are hiring security firms to stop the increase in heavy machinery thefts

## NEWS IN BRIEF

## ➔ He's no Twit for £25m

A BUSINESSMAN from Crowborough has become a millionaire overnight after selling his company to web giant Twitter for £25 million.

Father-of-two Iain Dodsworth, 36, is the creator of TweetDeck, an application used by millions to handle their online social networks.

Twitter acquired it in a bid to prevent it falling into the hands of a rival firm. Mr Dodsworth will stay on as head of the team he runs from an office in London.

## ➔ Get in carnival mood

SHERWOOD hosts its annual carnival this Saturday, with over 1,000 people set to take to the streets to join in the fun.

The fourth annual carnival gets under way at 11am at the TN2 Centre and promises a host of activities including a dance troupe and procession of floats around the estate.

There will also be stalls and a barbecue at the carnival which runs until 5pm.

## ➔ Fertility clinic opened

LORD Winston officially opened a new fertility centre at Benenden Hospital on Wednesday.

The professor, best known for his TV work and successful work in the field of fertility, opened the Benenden Fertility Centre at the site near Cranbrook.

It comes just weeks after the centre's first babies were born.

The centre is located within the grounds of the private hospital.

## CELEBRITY

# Fears publicity could drive Brad away from our town

KENT'S Film Office is keeping tight-lipped about news that Brad Pitt will be shooting his latest blockbuster in Tunbridge Wells for fear of jeopardising the lucrative deal.

X-Men, Sherlock Holmes, Pirates of the Caribbean and Robin Hood are among recent productions shot in the county and the makers of zombie movie World War Z are said to be taking over the abandoned Morrisons supermarket this summer.

The Fight Club star has the lead role in the £150 million film by Paramount Pictures based on the novel by Max Brooks.

Gabrielle Lindemann, from Kent County Council's Film Office, said: "We can't comment specifically on this film, however the film office receives and deals with a number of location requests from large productions and we work very hard to secure them.

"Apart from the suitability of a location, there are many additional factors determining where a production will finally settle, including schedules, logistics, budgets and the opportunity to work without too many disturbances that can jeopardise actually getting the footage in the can.

"Securing any filming is extremely competitive and we are always delighted when production companies choose Kent for both the economic benefit to the county and the opportunity to showcase what we have to offer."

A Morrisons spokesman has already confirmed that Brad Pitt will be filming at the Vale Road 'grot spot' for a month this summer.

It is hoped that the widespread news coverage



**ZOMBIE KILLER:** Brad Pitt will film scenes for World War Z at former Morrisons site

won't put off filmmakers from using the site.

The film is set 10 years after a human victory over a global zombie epidemic. Pitt, 47, plays a UN worker gathering stories and experiences from those who survived the conflict.

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## CONSULTATION

# More questions than answers after civic centre report divides opinion

By Jenna Pudelek

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"BIASED" and a "total whitewash" are among the responses to the long-awaited report on the future of the Tunbridge Wells civic complex.

The document, which includes thousands of responses to questionnaires and the results of hundreds of face-to-face meetings, seems to have divided opinion as much as the redevelopment of the Town Hall itself.

It is certainly easy to feel frustrated by what the report does not contain, which is any kind of conclusion to move ahead with development or not.

As Jo Sintern, associate director at M&N Communications, which carried out the consultation on behalf of the Tunbridge Wells Regeneration Company, said: "What was evident from the feedback was that there is no one clear view expressed."

There was huge public interest and controversy when Tunbridge Wells Borough Council revealed proposals to redevelop the Grade II-listed Town Hall site. Although the number of responses (7,000 completed forms and hundreds of face-to-face comments) seems low compared to the 48,000 households in the borough, Miss Sintern said it was the highest level M&N has ever had.

In response to the 110-page document, resident John Goodfellow, a member of the Royal Tunbridge Wells Town Forum, said: "The M&N survey was unsatisfactory and seriously flawed in being too obviously biased to what the council and regeneration company had wanted; the demolition of the civic

complex in favour of vague retail and leisure facilities. Unsurprisingly, the public expressed a range of views, interestingly favouring more specialist shops over a large departmental store. So the council can now consider various possibilities, with due consideration to their overall desirability – communally, financially and environmentally; much of this beyond the scope of the survey."

Meanwhile, Katharina Bech, who is also a member of the town forum, welcomed the executive summary and feedback analysis summary on the various elements of the questionnaire.

She said: "A 'global look' has to be taken for the whole area around the main junction of Royal Tunbridge Wells – Mount Pleasant, Church Road and Crescent Road – the cinema grot spot needs redevelopment at the same time."

Council leader Bob Atwood said after the publication of the document that no decision had been made on the future of the civic complex.

A meeting of the full council will be held, at a yet to be disclosed date, to debate the report.

M&N's Miss Sintern said there were no, 'yes or no' to development question because no specific proposals for the Town Hall buildings have been drawn up.

David Neve, leader of the opposition Liberal Democrats on the council, said: "I think the whole thing is a bit of a red herring, a total whitewash, there are no conclusions. People want improvements, but they do not want demolitions."

"Three years ago I said there should be a compulsory purchase order on the cinema site and they said it's not possible but now there is a change of leader-



WHAT NOW?: No end in sight for debate on future of Town Hall

ship it is.

"I believe it was bought so we could get rid of the Town Hall once they had hoodwinked the people hard enough."

■ **What do you think of the consultation results? Why not share your opinion with us? Email us direct at: [tw@kosmedia.co.uk](mailto:tw@kosmedia.co.uk).**

## NEWS IN BRIEF

## ➔ Oaks' Twickers parade

YOUNG rugby stars from Sevenoaks paraded in front of a sell-out crowd at Twickenham during the Aviva Premiership Rugby Final.

The youngsters watched the match which saw Saracens crowned champions and then took to the hallowed turf at half-time as a result of their win in the Land Rover Premiership Rugby Cup in March.

Michale Johnstone said: "It was an amazing atmosphere – I want to play there when I'm older."

## ➔ Buses are in the frame

BUS firm Arriva is appealing for budding photographers in Tunbridge Wells to showcase their skills in a competition designed to explore the role of public transport in the community.

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## ➔ Tree-mendous project

A CREATIVE workshop inspired by the folklore of the Green Man forms part of the BTCV's Kent Heritage Trees Project this summer.

The five-year scheme involves hundreds of people of all ages in an education and activity programme focused on Kent's rich stock of heritage trees. The project will also record more than 10,000 heritage trees across the county.

Taking place on August 4 at the Kent Adult Education Centre in Tunbridge Wells, the event will enable both beginners and experienced users of clay to create relief sculpture plaques.

## PREGNANCY

## New hospital making waves offering free aqua natal classes

MOTHERS-TO-BE who are booked to have their babies at the new Tunbridge Wells Hospital at Pembury are being offered free aqua natal classes.

The sessions are being provided as part of the antenatal training for pregnant women through a partnership between Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells NHS Trust and the town's Esporta gym.

Midwife Lynne Thomas, who organised the scheme, said: "The classes are run by one of our community midwives, Sally Fidhu, who is qualified to train pregnant mums in aqua natal exercises."

"It's a great way for them to stay fit and healthy and so be in good shape for when their baby comes. It's rather like pilates exercises, but in water so the body's weight is supported."

"The mums really enjoy it and it's an important part of their antenatal preparations."

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## EDUCATION

# 'Rural ethos' at heart of Hadlow free school bid

By Jenna Pudelek

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A LEADING land-based college has launched a bid to create a free school with a 'rural ethos'.

If Hadlow College, which offers higher education courses in subjects such as argriculture and sustainability, and animal management, is successful the new school will open in September next year.

Vice principal Lynda Brown said: "We are excited about the opportunity of opening a free school to provide an innovative and engaging educational experience for young people interested in the rural agenda."

"The practical opportunities to enhance the traditional curriculum are enormous and it offers a chance for young people to experience 'hands on' learning in outdoor classrooms, making their education both meaningful and exciting and keeping them fully engaged in education."



APPLICATION: Hadlow College

"This provides opportunities for talented students to enter skilled occupations and also to recognise and value vocational skills as a route to employability and entrepreneurship."

Free schools are part of Conservative policy and allow organisations, charities, groups of parents, existing schools and colleges, to apply for central Government funding to create a new school.

Hadlow Rural Community School will be for secondary young students aged 11 to 16 and based on Hadlow College's grounds near Tonbridge.

Mark Lumsdon-Taylor, the college's director of finance and resources, said: "Government support in terms of grants and funding will enable us to provide an environment rich in experience for the pupils, bringing the best of the E-learning world and applying it to rural education and skills."

"We hope this will be an exciting and new option for young people in Kent and we are uniquely placed to achieve something special."

The proposal has been positioned as a school offering all the usual subjects, but with an environmental aspect attached.

Last Tuesday, a meeting was held to discuss the plans. Many felt it would be oversubscribed and that rural Kent was crying out for such a school.

Richard Long, a Kent County Council member for Malling Rural East, said in the meeting: "This is exactly the sort of thing young people in this area of rural Kent could do with."

## CHARITY

## Open garden to raise funds for sick children

A COTTAGE in Tonbridge is holding an open garden in aid of a charity which provides hospice care for children.

Elderberry in Hadlow Road will also play host to a vintage car display during the event on Sunday, June 5, between 2pm and 5pm.

The cottage is set within one-and-a-half acres of

beautiful gardens with a number of rhododendrons, fruit trees, shrubs and ponds.

Stalls, a raffle, refreshments and a magician to entertain younger visitors will also be available.

Money raised will go to ChYps, a charity which provides hospice care for children and young people who are

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■ For more information about the charity's Open Gardens Programme in 2011, or if you are interested in opening your garden next year, give the community fund-raising team a call on 01322 221315.

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## THEATRE

## Bundle of laughs in store at Players' comedies

A VILLAGE theatre group is set to present three one-act comedies.

The Pembury Players will be performing the shows at the village hall at 8pm on June 10 and 11.

The first play, The Interview by Jane France, is about an elderly woman and an ambitious radio presenter who comes to visit her. She claims to have a rare ability but

actually has her own agenda for the meeting.

Next a less than welcome visitor appears in A Question of Rent by Stephen Dzherzhinsky, which sees an eccentric landlord pit his wits against his devious young tenant who is not keen on paying for his accommodation.

Finally, in How to Make Your Theatre Pay by David Henry Wilson another eccentric

character, this time a council official on a money-saving mission arrives to inspect the local theatre with a "hilarious and unpredictable outcome".

All tickets are £5 and are on sale from the Pembury Chemist in the high street, or at the door on the night. There will be a licensed bar.

For further details contact Chris Tampsett on 01892 822702.

## EDUCATION

## Plans to close popular blind school proposed

By Jenna Pudelek

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A CHARITY has unveiled plans to close its special residential school for blind children near Sevenoaks.

The Royal London Society for Blind People said up to a dozen students would be transferred to other schools or colleges if its plans went ahead.

Chief executive Dr Tom Pey said: "We are consulting on the school's possible closure to understand the ramifications of any decision that we may take."

"It is clear that local authorities are less willing to pay for disabled children to attend special schools. It is only likely to get worse in these difficult economic times."

The campus at Seal employs nearly 200 people and the six-week consultation started last Friday, May 27.

There are currently 20 children at the school aged five to 16, some of whom have other



CONSULTATION: Dr Tom Pey

conditions such as autism. Eight will not be returning in September, leaving 12 that would be affected by the closure.

The school has suffered because local authorities have cut funding for children with disabilities to attend special schools in favour of putting them in mainstream education. The cost of education and residential care for the 20 children totals £913,000 a year.

Stepping Up, the consultation document, explains how the society plans to meet the needs of blind children over the next 10 years.

One idea is to increase provision for two to five-year-olds through a mobile nursery which would be driven to boroughs throughout London to allow families to access services closer to their homes.

The college could also offer visually impaired students the chance to live at the Seal campus and use its state-of-the-art facilities for topics such as music, while accessing more subjects at mainstream schools and colleges.

Dr Pey said: "We want to hear from everyone who takes an interest in the well-being of blind and partially-sighted youngsters who can help us to do more with less. That means responding to the needs of today's visually impaired children and teenagers in new and innovative ways."

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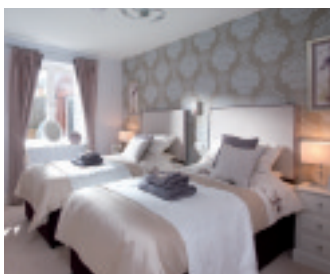
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## News

## HUMAN RIGHTS

# Amnesty supporters raise glass to freedom for 50th anniversary

By Jenna Pudelek

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HUMAN rights activists in Tunbridge Wells have organised a 'toast to freedom' event to celebrate 50 years of Amnesty International.

The national organisation was founded by British lawyer Peter Benenson who read about two Portuguese students who had been sentenced to seven years in prison for raising their glasses in a toast to freedom in 1961, during the autocratic Estado Novo regime.

He wrote an article in The Observer newspaper entitled The Forgotten Prisoners, calling for the release of men and women imprisoned for their political or religious beliefs.

He urged readers to write showing support for the students, and through the huge response from people wanting

to stand up for the human rights' of others Amnesty International was launched.

Now, 50 years later the Tunbridge Wells Amnesty Group is celebrating the organisation's successes with a toast to freedom on June 13.

Amnesty now has more than three million members worldwide. Through their work thousands of political prisoners have been released and 95 countries have abolished the death penalty. The organisation was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1977, and campaigned successfully for the International Criminal Court.

Sue Cooper, secretary of the Tunbridge Wells group, said: "I know that there are a lot of Amnesty supporters in the area. We have a number of supporters who join us for social events and there are also probably many others who

support Amnesty's work, but who do not necessarily belong to Amnesty.

"We thought that this is an opportunity to let people know that there is a Tunbridge Wells group and we would welcome anyone joining us for the toast. At our monthly meetings we discuss current issues and write letters on Amnesty campaigns.

"We have, over the last year or so, been working on an Amnesty campaign for seven prisoners of conscience in Syria which involved writing letters to the Syrian President and the Syrian Embassy in London.

"We have recently heard that five of the prisoners have been released and we are waiting for news about the others."

The group will be holding the toast at their meeting, which starts at 8pm in the Friends Meeting House in Grosvenor Park.



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## News

### ANIMALS

# Sharp spike in puppies abandoned by owners

By Jenna Pudelek

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AN ANIMAL rescue centre has seen a huge rise in the number of unwanted Staffordshire bull terriers it receives as they are bred as 'status dogs' or for fighting.

Foal Farm, which is based in Biggin Hill, said the increase meant that 80 per cent of calls received by their dog team were now from Staffie owners who felt unable to cope and wanted their pet rehomed.

A litter of nine abandoned Staffie puppies are among the latest arrivals at the charity.

The pups are now nine-weeks-old and were taken in, along with their mother, at just four-weeks-old. They had a mystery gastric virus and needed round-the-clock veterinary care costing more than £1,000, but they have fully recovered and can be rehomed.

Kim Puttock, the charity's chief executive, said: "The Staffie is a particularly ener-



**ABANDONED:** Staffordshire bull terrier puppies need a new home

getic breed and without the right level of stimulation they can become unmanageable. By the age of two many owners have the canine equivalent of bored teenagers on their hands and feel they can't cope.

"Staffies and Staffie cross dogs have had a really bad press, but they are essentially good natured. It's when they are in the hands of irresponsible owners that problems arise. The majority brought to us could make perfectly good pets with the right owners."

She said the number of un-

wanted Staffies ending up in animal rescue centres across the country had soared in the last five years, particularly in urban areas where they are bred as 'status dogs' or for fighting.

■ **Foal Farm is holding two sponsored dog walks on June 19 to raise vital funds and awareness about its work. To register, or for more information on the Staffie puppies and other animals needing homes at the centre, visit [www.foalfarm.org](http://www.foalfarm.org), uk email: [info@foalfarm.org](mailto:info@foalfarm.org), uk or call 01959 572 386.**

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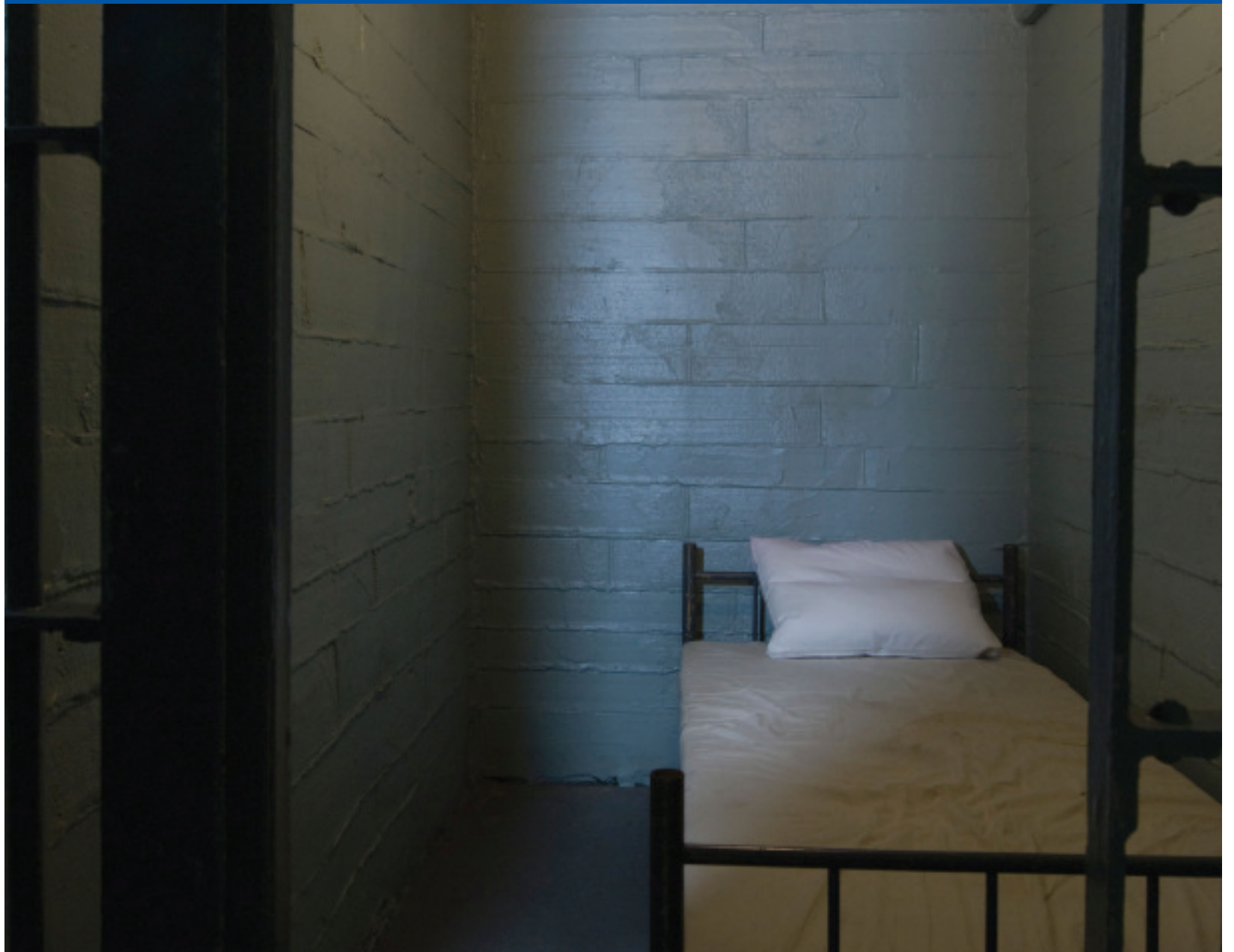
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FESTIVAL

# Vince and the New Power Generation

By Chris Britcher

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FOR anyone who has been in the music industry at any stage over the last 25 years, the name Vince Power carries significant weight.

Because the no-nonsense Irishman whose reputation precedes him to such an extent it arrives, stays overnight and enjoys a leisurely breakfast before his physical form appears, can be credited with much of the current renaissance experienced in the UK festival scene.

Having built up his Mean Fiddler live music venue empire from humble beginnings and selling it for millions, his CV includes vital stints assisting turning around the fortunes of such events as the Reading and Glastonbury festivals.

Today, he is the man behind the Hop Farm Festival – a three-day musical celebration staged at the Paddock Wood venue which, he estimates, is directly responsible for injecting up to £20 million into the local economy.

And, for his latest trick, he has pulled yet another rabbit out of his deep, fur-lined hat.

They say the best things come in small packages. And for Mr Power, that package was finally delivered to him in a purple silk box and wearing a pair of high heels: Prince.

The Purple Rain star may well have long lost his commercial clout in terms of record sales, but his reputation as a live performer is rarely surpassed.

The last time he was on these shores he played a remarkable record-breaking run of 21 nights at London's O2 Arena in the late summer of 2007.

For the Hop Farm Festival, it represents a serious shot in the arm in terms of credibility and reputation. With a carefully crafted unique selling proposition of no branding and no VIP areas, the event has managed to stand out in an intensely competitive marketplace with some fine signings.

The Eagles perform their only UK show of the year on the Friday night. The trio of Iggy Pop, Lou Reed and Morrissey spearhead the Saturday. And then there's Prince.



**MUSICOLOGY:** Extra time is added to the festival as Prince plays the third day

"There was a big competition to get him," Mr Power explains from his London offices, as he surveys the impact, and column inches, of unveiling his Sunday night headline act.

"He was offered several big deals with various promoters, but he liked what we were doing here with the no branding. He liked the non-corporate thing."

"He wanted to do festivals and he came quite late. We'd been chasing him for six months to do something but eventually he confirmed some festivals in Europe so he booked with me."

Tied up as his only UK show of the year, it saw the performer top a list of acts aimed fairly and squarely at a demographic oozing disposable income and a desire to relive their youth.

"The first two years it was hard," Mr Power admits when he reflects on his

Hop Farm experience. "Last year [with Bob Dylan headlining] it seemed to turn the corner. And now, if you look at the major acts on the bill, we're up there with all the major festivals."

Originally scheduled for just two days this year, the signing of Prince saw a third added.

Explains Mr Power: "It was always our intention to do three days eventually, but sometimes it is difficult to get the acts you want. You cannot just book anyone. You have to get the acts right. The integrity is very important to us."

"But at the end of the day the customer will tell us if it's a rubbish festival."

All the artists are playing, as is the norm for festivals, for a flat fee. Normal shows would see them play for a guaranteed sum and then a percentage of the profits. Not that the fixed rate necessarily guarantees a certain set-list.

"The benefit to the artist of a festival is that you give them exposure to a huge amount of people who may not have seen them before," Mr Power explains. It's a quicker way of getting exposure.

"I've no idea what Prince, for example, is going to do with his set. I wouldn't dare to interfere in his artistic decision. All I do know for sure is that he's going to be on stage in Kent and he'll do what he wants on the day."

For Prince, it would be a surprise if fans do not see a repeat of his recent shows – enjoyable romps through his glittering back catalogue. Just don't expect the more raucous numbers. Since turning to the Jehovah Witness faith he has also turned his back on swearing. The chances of Sexy MF getting an airing will be akin to David Beckham signing for Tunbridge Wells FC.

This year's event, Mr Power estimates, will see 120,000 people over the three days; a mix of those there for the duration and day-tickets holders.

With the meat of the legends, the dish has been spiced up with a splattering of contemporary performers to appeal to younger age groups too. The phrase 'family-friendly' is en vogue in the increasingly crowded world of the music festival, and Vince Power is no mug.

Rapper Tinie Tempah, Killers' front-

**THE MAN:** Vince Power hopes the Hop Farm Festival will grow in strength

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**TAKE IT EASY:** The Eagles headline the first day

man Brandon Flowers, and Death Cab for Cutie are very much designed to get the discerning younger audience in too.

"It's becoming a family thing," says Mr Power. "We had lots of kids under 12 last year and I think we will this year. They go free."

"I think the gap is getting closer between a teenager's taste and that of their parents. You often see the teens getting into the legends and the parents getting turned on by the younger acts."

"Plus it's great to encourage families. People love the idea of being there and camping. There is a sense of camaraderie at a festival. You wouldn't speak to people normally at a bus stop, but at a festival everyone's your friend."

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# Forest fight still to be won

Woodland Trust CEO Sue Holden calls on everyone who cares about the future of forests to speak up in the new government consultation

THE remarkable response in Kent and across the country earlier this year to Government plans to sell off England's public woodland highlighted just how much they matter to people.

With such precious sites as Bedgebury under threat, thousands joined protests. Hundreds of thousands added their names to petitions demanding the Government think again.

Faced with overwhelming hostility, ministers shelved the privatisation proposals and promised a wide-ranging and independent review on the future of our woods and forests.

Last month, the Government launched its nationwide consultation on the future of our public woodlands. The opportunity exists to make a difference to our landscape for generations to come. But we can't be complacent. The danger is people believe the fight to save our woods has already been won. It hasn't.

Over the past 10 years over 300 ancient woods were destroyed or badly damaged. The existing rules simply do not provide serious protection.

Centuries of demand for timber and the clearing of forest for farmland have left us with fewer woods than virtually any other European country. This legacy has to be put right.

So we need to raise our ambition. Along with improved protection, we need to act decisively to replace the devastating loss of native woods.

All the evidence shows the public support these aims. But woods remain under threat from development, degradation and disease. The challenge is to make sure the case for better protection, re-planting and public access is turned into action.

The Woodland Trust believes a realistic target is to double Britain's native woodland cover. The consultation gives us the chance to make this ambi-

tion a reality. But it is not going to happen by accident. It is vital everyone who believes in the importance of our woods and forests for our quality of life responds to the consultation.

We will be urging our 400,000 supporters to ensure their voices are heard. But the more people who join them, the better.

There are three priorities. First, we need improved protection for our ancient native woods. They are Britain's rainforests, irreplaceable havens for wildlife and people. They add to the beauty of our country. And they are vital weapons in the fight against climate change, flooding and improving our air quality. We need to protect these assets and restore those which have been damaged.

Second, we should set a national goal to double our native woodland cover. The Woodland Trust has been creating new woods for nearly 40



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**We need to protect these assets and restore damaged forests**

years. But alone we can never do enough. Overall, there has been a decline in new plantings. To hit this target, we need as a country to plant 15,000 hectares of new trees every year – a three-fold increase on the present figure.

This means extending woods and creating new ones. It is ambitious, but it is achievable. And the results are surprisingly quick. It only takes 12 years before newly planted trees look and feel like a real wood.

Thirdly, we have to improve public access to, and involvement in, our woodlands. As we know from public reaction to the 1,000 woodland sites we manage, they bring tremendous health and leisure benefits.

The Government has been moved to listen. That's why this is a once-in-a-generation opportunity to shape the future of our woods and landscape for the better. So please take the time to make your voice heard.

## KOS COMMENT

Rural crime will come at a cost to us all

IT seems a crying shame that just as there is a real surge of interest in locally grown and produced food and drink, it should coincide with an increase in the number of rural crimes.

Any additional expense suffered by our farmers inevitably means that cost has to be passed back on to the consumer. And right now, one of the biggest advantages local food and drink has is that it is competitively priced. Let's not let criminals ruin that.

## First tears shed over London 2012 Games

IN homes up and down the country this week, there were mixed blessings when it came to success – or otherwise – in looking to secure tickets for the London 2012 Olympics.

For many, hopes evaporated at the starting line. For others, the reality of facing up to their third or fourth choice options being given the nod.

But as the saying goes, it's not the winning but the taking part. Just don't try telling the empty-handed that.

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John and Samantha are proud to announce the safe arrival of Miss Evie-Belle Bowman on 16th May. She is here to brighten up the world.

#### BROWN

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#### CARTER

Daniel and Rachael are delighted to announce the arrival of their beautiful baby daughter Poppy May Carter, who was born on 14th May, 2011. We will love and treasure her forever. xxx

#### CHAN

Phoebe Mae Chan born on 4th May, 2011, weighing 7lb 10oz. Daughter to Sam and Eddie Chan.

#### CHANTLER

Julie and Andy Chantler celebrate the birth of their son Matthew, born on 4th May, 2011, weighing 7lb 12oz.

#### CHIHWAYI

Pelagia and Taks Chihwayi celebrate the birth of their beautiful daughter Nakai Faith Gianna on the 19th May, 2011.

#### DONNELLY-LEIGHTON

Damien and Leasha would like to announce the arrival of their daughter Amelie Patricia weighing 7lb 4oz. Beautiful little sister for our darling Ella.

#### EDWARDS

Mat and Kate are delighted to announce the birth of their son Isaac Alexander Edwards, born at 8.04pm on 13th May, 2011, weighing a whopping 11lb 13oz! Much loved brother for Grace and Jude.

#### HARRISON

Zachary Stanley George born on 20th May, 2011, weighing in at 6lb 15oz. Son to Anthony and Kelly in Maidstone. Proud grandparents are Janet, Dave, Malcolm, Laura, Jake, Trish and Chris.

#### HESSELWORTH

Danielle and Jonathan of Deal are delighted to announce the birth of their daughter May Sylvia Hesselworth, born on 4th May 2011 at QEOM Hospital. A sister for Amy and Joe.

#### JOHNSON

Kellie and Jamie are proud to announce the birth of Charlie James born on the 18th April 2011. Little Brother for Frankie Jack

#### QUINTON-ROY

Damian and Sarah are delighted to welcome Freya Skye Quinton-Roy into their loving family. Proud grandparents are Alan and Sue Roy and Geoff and Sheena Quinton. Big kisses and cuddles from everyone including Baloo. x

#### SANHANGA

Tadiwanashe Jathaneil born on 1st May, 2011, weighing 3.29 Kg. Son to Patricia Sanhanga in Essex.

#### SPICER-GORMLEY

Jack born on 12th May, 2011, weighing 7lbs 9oz. Son to Rebecca and Sean and baby brother to Charlotte.

#### TRICE

Gareth and Elizabeth are delighted to announce the birth of Tommy William Trice, born on 20th May, 2011, weighing 8lb 11oz. A brother to Jack and Alfie.

#### TSANG

Ethan Hei born on 25th April, 2011, weighing 9lb 10oz. Son to Chung Hang and Ah Wai and baby brother for Aiden Jing.

#### WILKINSON

Craig and Lydia of Ramsgate celebrate the birth of their daughter Lexie May Wilkinson on 12th May, 2011. You are the miracle who we will love and treasure forever.

### DEATHS

#### EVERETT

Margaret Everett passed away suddenly at the William Harvey Hospital on the 18th May 2011. Sadly missed by all the family. She leaves 3 sons, 4 grandchildren and 1 great-grandson.

#### STAPLES

Doris Miriam May Staples sadly passed away on the 21st May 2011. Will be sadly missed. All enquiries to Doves in Swanley 01322 669000.



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## It was original plan after all

AFTER waiting so long for the results of the consultation on the future of the town, I must admit to being rather disappointed by the results.

It would seem the responses put us exactly where we were from the outset.

Namely, lots of people with different opinions but, ultimately, with the council making the decision as to what happens next.

All I hope for is that the current administration do at least think long and hard about the options rather than push ahead simply with the original plan, it now seems clear despite the claims to the contrary, to redevelop the civic complex and the council move out.

**L Carter,  
Tonbridge Wells**

## Return to the silver screen?

SURELY if the council is considering a compulsory

purchase order on the cinema site that has proved so unattractive it has stood there empty for 10 years, and if, as it seems by the consultation results, there is a real strength of feeling about having a town centre cinema, it is obvious what needs to be done?

I know the Odeon has secured a ruling on the site which means it must not be turned into a cinema, but come on.

It's our town, not the Odeon's. Let's turn the place back into a modern cinema.

It's steeped in history, it's in the perfect position, any major transformation could muck up the train line, and, more importantly, there is a demand from the public for it.

Turning it back into a cinema makes all the sense in the world – perhaps Odeon would like to be the ones to operate it to?

**Harold Smythe, by email**

## Tweets sound a little hollow

COULD someone please explain to me why there seems to be this urge to treat people

in the town who use Twitter as some sort of higher beings?

Recently you published an article which seemed only to appeal to the Twitter brigade to see if they were interested in the Royal Society for the encouragement of Arts, Manufactures and Commerce (RSA).

Now it seems the only way to get the chief executive of Tunbridge Wells Borough Council to respond to an issue is by tweeting him.

It seems ridiculous to me that when such a tiny number of people in the town use Twitter, quite why there is such a focus now placed on it.

I find it particularly ironic that William Benson, a man who made such a song and dance about those 'vocal minority', who would complain about the council and its completely inept way it originally handled the civic complex debate by writing letters to him or the local press, now seems only too happy to listen to an equally small – if not smaller – 'tweeting minority'.

Is it simply a case that the electronic word is trendier than the written form?

**K Hoddle, by email**

## Pantiles serve up tasty treat

I WOULD just like to extend my heartiest congratulations to the traders on the Pantiles who organised the food festival recently.

Living within walking distance I attended both days and was staggered at the size of the crowds.

More often than not I stroll through the Pantiles during the day and find hardly a soul.

To see it so full of life and enthusiasm was truly heartening.

**William Baker,  
Tonbridge Wells**

## Food festival must continue

FOR years now I have been telling my friends the ideal way for the Pantiles to transform itself would be to become a beating heart of local food and drink in the town.

For too long it has had its hands tied or simply been underwhelming in the food it does offer.

What we saw with the recent food festival was a genuine marriage of the history which seeps from the Pantiles' every pore and top quality local food and drink.

And if it wasn't local then it was still top quality.

People would come from far and wide to visit the Pantiles if this sort of thing was a regular event. Why not stage regular demonstrations on the bandstand? Why not hammer home the message and develop a real reputation down there?

Clearly now the demand has been clearly demonstrated.

**Liam Locke, Tonbridge**

## Working for greater good

HOW wonderful it was to see Caroline Elliott from the Trinity collect her MBE in your paper last week.

The Trinity really is a shining example of how local people with drive and determination, and a real appreciation of what they are trying to achieve, can all pull together in the same direction for the greater good.

While I cannot be sure, it

must surely be held up as a wonderful demonstration to others of what can be done.

The Trinity is small, but it is most certainly perfectly formed.  
**Mrs P Smith, Rusthall**

## Police stir up crime fears

I COULD not agree more with some of your letter writers last week when it came to the recent series of advertisements the Kent Police Federation has placed recently.

They do nothing but stoke the fear of crime.

And given that we are all fortunate to live in an area which is – and this is backed up by statistics – remarkably safe, and certainly a lot safer compared to many other areas in the South East, is simply unkind and will only lead to more panic.

This Government is making these cuts. Everyone has suffered. Why should the police be any different?

Surely they should be supporting an increase in education and funding for teachers, as the better youngsters are brought up means the less chance there is of them turning to a life of crime.

**Name and address supplied**

## Let's hear no Moore, please

FOR the love of God, please don't give the Euro-hating June Moore from Rusthall any more space on your letters page.

All she does is bang on and on about how all this nation's woes are fairly and squarely as a result of being part of Europe.

She's got a local councillor now from UKIP – perhaps she can go and talk to them all day rather than inflict her views on the rest of us.

**P Herren, Paddock Wood**

## Can you beat Nevill in sun?

THERE are many things which bring a smile to my face but there is perhaps nothing that makes me grin from ear to ear as much as sitting at the Nevill and watching Kent during cricket week with the sun shining. It is a perfect example of all that makes this county great. Well done to all.

**Nick Turnbull, Tonbridge**

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# My Money 24

Online this week at  
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## A taxing issue over pensions and injury

**Q** IN MARCH you wrote about how a pension paid because of an accident at work should not be taxed. I was injured at work and had six years added to my pension entitlement when I retired early. I spoke to my tax office, but staff there have not heard about the exemption you mentioned. I also called the pension agency in Lancashire, but officials there do not know about it, either.

**A** IF YOU retired early and received an extra pension because of your industrial injury then it seems to me that you are fully entitled to benefit under the tax exemption that I wrote about in March, when a reader won refunds all the way back to 1991. The basic rule is that anyone's job pension is taxable. But if someone who was not in a pension scheme at work was forced to retire early because of an industrial injury or illness, and was granted a pension as a sort of compensation from the employer, then that pension escapes income tax.

You are in a halfway situation. You were in a pension scheme, but when you had to retire early because of injury it was topped up and you were credited with an extra six years of pension rights. So the pension you would have got normally is taxable, but the extra six years entitlement is exempt. Tell your tax office to look at Section 644 of the Income Tax (Earnings & Pensions) Act 2003. This is the law that sets out all these details, and operates from April 6, 2003. And if your pension started before 2003, tell the tax man to look back at Extra Statutory Concession A62, which granted the same exemption in earlier years. If your tax office still turns you down, let me know. But if you win the exemption, do not forget to ask for it to be backdated to the beginning of your pension, which should bring you a nice refund cheque.

**Q** MY DAUGHTER and her partner have a rented flat, but want somewhere of their own. They have not been able to find a mortgage that is more than 80pc of any property's value. They can afford repayments, but if they have to save a 20pc deposit I suspect they will emigrate as they are both nurses and can work anywhere. One building society even told them they should beg, borrow or steal to raise the 20pc deposit because by next year this will be 25pc.

**A** THE HIGHEST loan-to-value figure I can find from any mortgage lender is 90pc, but this is only for joint applicants who are both graduates. Lots of nurses nowadays are graduates, so if your daughter and her partner qualify, point them towards Share To Buy (0845 686

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0812), which is connected to the Co-op Bank. There are no fees, and interest is 4.29pc. Several lenders will go as high as 85pc, including HSBC, Yorkshire Building Society and Principality Building Society. One of the best deals is from Norwich and Peterborough Building Society, which will lend 85pc with interest at just 2.59pc for the first two years. It is true that strict new rules on mortgages will apply soon. Limits are still being drafted, but it is safe to say that the days of 100pc mortgages are over – at least for now.

**Q** MY WIFE and I had shares in Friends Provident, which have become shares in Resolution. I have 1,603 shares and my wife has 441. We were sent provisional allotment letters by Resolution, which I did not understand. We have now been sent certificates for 53 new shares and 14 new shares. I do look at the share price, and it was 69p, but suddenly became 238p, so now I am confused.

**A** FRIENDS Provident was taken over by Resolution in 2009. Resolution reorganised its shares so that one new share – with a higher price – replaced 30 old shares. Forget your 1,603 and 441 shareholdings. They are replaced by the new certificates for 53 shares and 14 shares. The allotment letters would have allowed you to buy more of the new shares, but you let that pass. Your shares are now worth about 310p each.

**Q** I WAS advised to invest in shares in BP shortly before the price fell after the Gulf oil leak. Can I claim compensation?

**A** ALL SHARES are risky. Unless you told your financial adviser to avoid oil shares, or you wanted nothing with any risks, then the decision was yours. If you made all this clear and your adviser still said to buy BP, then you may have reason to complain to the Ombudsman (0800 023 4567).

**Q** IS IT correct that if you are over 50 you can invest more in an Isa than anyone under 50? If so, what is the amount?

**A** THIS was true two years ago, but now the limit is the same for everyone: £10,680 per person, per year.

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## Get peace of mind at summer festivals



**WALK THIS WAY:** Tens of thousands of festival-goers would have left their tents unattended while they watched rock legends Aerosmith, the headline act at last summer's Download festival, leaving them susceptible to light-fingered thieves

THE HUNDREDS of thousands of people planning to go to music festivals this summer are being urged to make sure they have sufficient insurance cover in case they fall victim to thieves.

Common sense suggests that festival-goers should not take expensive items with them in the first place but, if your tent is targeted, it will be of some comfort to know that you have adequate cover in place to make good any losses.

There is a good chance your home insurance policy will either already cover you or can be amended for little extra cost to provide protection on a festival site.

Julie Owens, head of home insurance at Moneysupermarket, said: "If

**By Adam Aiken**

MyMoney24 editor

you are unfortunate enough to be a victim of theft, many home contents policies will cover you for items such as iPods and iPhones.

"Spending the extra cash to ensure you are protected is a small price to pay to enjoy festival fun with peace of mind."

Aviva, the insurer, said official crime statistics showed there were 945 reported thefts at the top seven UK festivals last year, with the combined value of the thefts some £190,000.

The company added that the typical festival-goer took possessions worth an average of more than

£900 with them.

Jonathan Cracknell, a household underwriter at Aviva, said: "Tents appear to be the main target for thieves, so don't leave them crammed full of all your favourite electronic gadgets when you pop out for breakfast and perhaps think about carrying less expensive accessories with you when you are out and about."

Even if you do take the bare minimum with you in terms of possessions, the value of your camping equipment can soon add up, so it's well worth checking the small-print of your home insurance policy before setting off and, if need be, calling your insurer to upgrade it accordingly.

## Calls for delay over mortgage review

THE mortgage market review (MMR) – a massive overhaul of the market being led by the Financial Services Authority – should be put on hold until the market has recovered from its current slump, a leading consumer group has said.

The Financial Services Consumer Panel, which advises the FSA on behalf of consumers, is concerned that people who took out home loans ahead of the financial crash will be unable to qualify for remortgages if the MMR is introduced too early.

In a report outlining its wishlist for a "sustainable and healthy mortgage market", the panel said: "The FSA needs to ensure transitional arrangements adequately provide for consumers who have historic mortgages that may now lie outside the responsible lending criteria."

"Whatever transitional arrangements apply, timing will be crucial: there is a danger that lenders will reject mortgages which they view as not complying with the MMR and

so further restrict consumers' options during a period of general lending restraint.

"To avert this danger, implementation of new affordability rules should be delayed until the housing market has demonstrably recovered."

The panel also said it was vital for the MMR to include a requirement for lenders to assess whether consumers can afford repayments according to their individual circumstances rather than relying on a one-size-fits-all set of criteria.

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## On the blogs

**Adam Aiken:**

Hats off to this credit  
card provider

# Tell your card company if you are going away

IT IS important to let your credit card provider know if you are going abroad either on holiday or for business, otherwise you run the risk of embarrassment at the checkout.

Thanks in large part to a huge increase in fraud, consumers are finding that banks and other card issuers are becoming more wary of sanctioning unexpected spending behaviour unless they have been given advance warning.

That means an attempt to use your card thousands of miles from home could well run into difficulty if your provider has not been informed in advance that you will be travelling.

"In an effort to protect consumers, banks are using increasingly sophisticated fraud intelligence systems to help identify unusual patterns of spending or high-risk transactions on cards," said Stuart McKeggie, head of credit

cards at Sainsbury's Bank.

"A legitimate overseas transaction can sometimes trigger a referral note on your card that requires the retailer to make an authorisation call to the issuer.

"Unfortunately, sometimes retailers overseas decide to decline the card rather than make the call.

"It's a sensible precaution for cardholders to let their provider know if they're planning to use their

card abroad, regardless of which country they're intending to visit, to help prevent triggering any anti-fraud security."

Research by Sainsbury's suggests that more than 3.5 million Britons have had their credit cards declined while overseas.

Card fraud cost banks £400m last year, with the number of victims jumping by 40pc to more than 2.4m people.

# Now's the best time to grab the best interest-free deals

**By Adam Aiken**

MyMoney 24 editor

NOW could be the time to strike for credit-card users who want to juggle their debts, with a record number of cards offering long-term interest-free deals.

There are now more than 50 cards on the market that offer 0pc deals for a year or longer.

At the same time, the average interest-free balance-transfer period is now more than 12 months, up from less than 10 months a year ago.

"Even though the economy remains in a fragile state, there are a number of factors in the card providers' favour enabling them to offer these record-breaking deals," said Andrew Hagger, of MoneyNet, which produced the data.

"Not only are borrowing costs very low, the Consumer Credit Directive – which came into effect in February – means lenders can be more selective. They now have to offer the best deals to only 51pc of successful applicants, compared with the previous requirement of 66pc."

The longest 0pc deal available at the moment is a 20-month offer from Barclaycard Platinum.

Elsewhere, MBNA, Virgin Money, Bank of Scotland and Natwest are offering 18-month deals (although bear in mind that virtually all 0pc cards levy balance-transfer fees, usually of about 3pc).

Bank of England figures suggest there is nearly £60 billion of outstanding borrowing on credit cards, giving the card providers plenty of opportunity to cherry-pick new customers.

Although card issuers offer interest-free balance transfer periods as loss leaders, they hope that any consumers they manage to attract will remain loyal – either deliberately or through inertia – once the initial deal has expired.

Mr Hagger said another attraction for the card companies was the pub-



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licity generated by the exposure of their brands in the best-buy comparison tables.

"Offering long-term 0pc deals generates massive free advertising exposure," he said. "The downside for consumers is that even though lower borrowing costs have enabled providers to offer extended interest-free terms, once the promotional deals expire the 'revert-to' interest rates remain stubbornly high."

If you want to switch your balance to an interest-free deal, remember

that you will still need to make the minimum monthly repayments – and it's crucial that you don't miss a payment or be late with one.

If you do fall foul of the rules, it's likely that your card provider will cancel the interest-free deal immediately. Then you will find yourself stranded on a high interest rate – with no guarantee that you'll be able to shift the balance once again to another 0pc card.

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## PICK OF THE WEEK


In association with the experts at [Moneyfacts.co.uk](http://Moneyfacts.co.uk), we highlight some of the best new products launched this week.

**Savings: Cheltenham & Gloucester**  
Cheltenham & Gloucester has launched its two-year fixed-rate cash Isa Issue 8 account. This deal pays a rate of 3.5pc maturing in July, 2013. A monthly interest option is available at 3.45pc. Savers can invest a minimum of £100. Earlier access is permitted but is subject to 120 days' loss of interest. Transfers in are accepted. The account can be operated in branch and by post by investors aged 16 and over. **Why is it good?** A review of its Isa range sees the unveiling of C&G's competitively-priced two-year fixed-rate account. It sits just inside the top five products for its term. The fact that earlier access is allowed, albeit subject to penalty, should prove popular with savers.

**Savings: Secure Trust Bank**  
Secure Trust Bank has launched its Fixed-Rate Bond Five-Year Term Series 1, which pays an annual rate of 5.1pc. Savers can invest between £1,000 and £1 million and further additions can be made while the issue remains open. Early access is not allowed. The account is available to savers aged 18 and over by post and telephone. **Why is it good?** Secure Trust has extended its range with the launch of this highly-competitive five-year deal, which has stormed to the top of the long-term fixed-rate bond market.

**Mortgages: Halifax**  
Halifax has reduced selected mortgage deals, including some of its remortgage products. The most notable is the 2.69pc (Bank of England base rate plus 2.19pc) deal until July 2013 for remortgage borrowers only. The maximum loan-to-value (LTV) is 60pc and customers can borrow up to £1m. A fee of £1,240 is payable. Incentives of a free valuation and free legal fees are also offered. **Why is it good?** This latest product review sees the launch of a variable tracker deal designed for remortgage customers. The product offers a good rate, combined with a reasonable fee and generous incentives. The options to make overpayments, make underpayments and take payment holidays should appeal to those looking for a flexible mortgage product.

**Mortgages: Santander**  
Santander's new product offers a rate of 5.79pc until August 2013 to borrowers with deposits of 10pc or more. Available for first-time and second-time buyers only, this deal has a maximum borrowing amount of £1m and a low arrangement fee of £99. Incentives of a free valuation and a £250 rebate upon completion are also offered. **Why is it good?** This latest offering from Santander should please borrowers who are looking to keep their initial costs to a minimum. A high LTV of 90pc, a low arrangement fee and a generous incentives package makes this a good overall package. The option to make overpayments of up to 10pc of the outstanding balance will also help to boost its appeal.

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HIGH Speed 1 came through the first of its freight-train trials with flying colours, paving the way for use by European operators. Assuming the four remaining test runs are completed in similar fashion, it is only a matter of time before the Kent track is given the green light to accept European-sized freight trains from across the Continent. This will spark a shift to rail use for importers, helping to make the UK more competitive.

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## Play part in port-privatisation plan by setting funding goals

**By Simon Robinson**

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DOVER Harbour Board bosses have begun a further round of public consultation with regard to their privatisation proposals.

The organisation has amended its application, submitted in January last year, to meet the new government's revised set of criteria for the sale of Trust Ports, such as Dover.

Under the original plans, the Port of Dover Community Trust (PDCT) would be established alongside a new operating company (OpCo), which would exist as a subsidiary of the Dover Harbour Board (DHB).

The PDCT would receive a £10 million initial cash settlement from OpCo as well as funds for the purchase of shares in the port, which are anticipated to have a value of some £20 million at the point of sale.

It is estimated that the PDCT could have an economic impact of £95 million over the first five years and £60 million annually thereafter.

Now as part of the Trust's 'community participation' pledge, Dover businesses can play a large part in deciding where this extra revenue goes.

At the public consultation launch event at Harbour House on Tuesday morning, DHB bosses unveiled an economic benefit forecast table that showed the Trust's creation would lead to an added £51 million during the next five years for SMEs (small and medium enterprises), start-ups and local supply chains.

This figure is based on an equal 25 per cent



**DHB:** Finance director Tim Waggott, chief executive Bob Goldfield and chairman Roger Mountford launched the period of public consultation, which ends on Monday, June 27.

funding split between support for business, skills and education, neighbourhood improvement and social cohesion.

But DHB chiefs were keen to stress that the allocation of funding – and its subsequent economic return – was in community hands.

A report carried out by independent consultants Arup states: "In practice, the economic impact on the area and the longevity of supported employment will be highly variable and dependent on the characteristics of the projects supported by the PDCT and the balance between economic and community projects."

DHB chairman Roger Mountford said he wanted to "engage" with the Dover community. "The PDCT represents a fundamental change in the port's relationship with the town and district and provides for the first time an opportunity for the community to benefit directly and financially from port activities and to share in the port's success," he said.

"This is an exciting time for the Port of Dover and most especially the community. With the help of the entire port community and the town of Dover, supported by new investment, it really could become the expanded, world-class port facility we wish to see for the benefit of future generations of users and for the community of Dover as a whole."

DHB said the proposed privatisation was crucial to the port's future, insisting that remaining a trust port was "no longer a viable option".

Finance director Tim Waggott said: "Our future lies in the private sector, where we can expand the business, add value, create jobs and secure those jobs that already exist. Without privatisation, investment will be severely curtailed and growth – therefore jobs – compromised."

"As we cannot borrow, we need access to the capital markets to guarantee further investment. Not only that, we will be largely unable to make the contribution that we need to make, and wish to make, to the regeneration of Dover. We are firmly of the view that remaining a trust port is no longer a viable option for Dover. The business is too big and successful for that status but will inevitably suffer if it cannot invest and grow."

## EMPLOYMENT

### Talented students ready for work

EXPANDING businesses are being encouraged to go to the University of Greenwich for their next employee.

The university, which has a campus at Chatham Maritime, offers a free Graduate Talent Bureau (GTB) to businesses, which matches new job positions to its 9,000-strong pool of graduates and postgraduates.

A spokesman said: "The university's graduate talent pool is made up of high-calibre graduates who have undergone assessment to ensure they meet the highest employability standards."

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The GTB gives businesses the opportunity to advertise their vacancies for free. Applications are then filtered so only the most appropriate candidates are put forward.

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**HELP:** Theo Paphitis launched new tool

## TRAINING

### Business basics on offer online

DRAGONS' Den star Theo Paphitis has launched an online business-essentials toolkit giving start-ups the key skills needed to survive and grow.

The Smarta Business Builder was set up after a survey carried out by NatWest showed new small businesses in the South East were struggling to master the essentials – putting their future at risk.

Sixty per cent of SME respondents in the region said cashflow was a serious issue, while 57 per cent said they had under-estimated costs.

Stationery tycoon Theo Paphitis said: "At a time when we need businesses to thrive, too many good businesses risk failure because they struggle to manage the basics early on. Many small business lack the time and money to get essentials such as business plans, accountants or websites in place – getting them all in one place through Smarta Business Builder will free them up to concentrate on what they're good at and growing their business."

For more, visit [www.smarta.com](http://www.smarta.com).

## INVESTMENT

### Bronze award for Kings Hill charity

A CHARITIES-supporting charity has been awarded the Bronze Investors In People title after coming through a rigorous assessment process.

The Charities Aid Foundation (CAF) became one of just 800 organisations in the UK to receive the award, which recognises employers who achieve three principles of planning, doing and evaluating to improve organisational performance.

Human resources director Corinne Wells said: "It's really exciting that we have achieved this award. It recognises the great people working at CAF who are dedicated to making the environment for charitable giving the best that it can be."

The CAF is a charity set up to help other charities by working with donors, companies and charities to encourage and facilitate a culture of giving.

It offers products and services that make giving easier and help charities to make the most of donations through its banking and fund-raising support services.



## COMMENT

DOVER businesses should jump at the chance to influence the spending plans of the proposed Port of Dover Community Trust (PDCT).

While the port's privatisation is anything but a foregone conclusion, it makes sense to get behind Dover Harbour Board's plans, which give real power and leverage to the community.

A report carried out by independent consultants Arup has shown that the PDCT could have a £95 million economic impact on the surrounding area during its first five years of operation and £60 million thereafter.

Dover residents and businesses are now being asked to comment on how best to divide that sum between economic and community projects. It is your chance to raise your business concerns. What areas desperately need funding? Does the area need to support its existing SMEs or invest in fresh start-ups?

Kent was not allocated a penny in funding during the last round of the Coalition government's Regional Growth Fund cash, and the North looks set to take the lion's share on the next round, too.

With that in mind, it is imperative that Dover businesses make their voices heard to the Dover Harbour Board to ensure the much-needed money generated from the port's privatisation is used wisely.

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## High-speed railway open to freight after trial run

THE High Speed rail link remains on track for use by European-sized freight trains after a successful test run was carried out.

DB Schenker Rail ran a loaded freight train on High Speed 1 (HS1) in the early hours of Friday, May 27, to test the Kent track's handling of larger trains from the Continent.

The trial – the first of five due to be carried out before the end of June – was declared an outstanding success by both DB Schenker Rail and HS1.

Once these trials have been completed, DB Schenker Rail will connect the UK via the High Speed 1 route to the rest of its pan-European rail-freight market, opening a new service for customers to export and import goods more efficiently using larger wagons.

HS1 chief executive Nicola Shaw said: "HS1 is the UK's only high-speed rail line and the connection we provide to mainland Europe is open to freight and passenger operators."

"We are delighted to be working with DB Schenker Rail and other freight operators."

"These successful trials pave the way for the introduction of regular freight services between the UK and Europe."



DB Schenker Rail UK's chief executive Alain Thauvette added: "Another significant step forward to enable larger freight trains travelling from anywhere across Europe on the DB Schenker Rail pan-European network to London has been taken. The opportunity to increase modal shift between road to rail on cross-Channel operations is fast becoming a reality."

HS1 Ltd owns and operates the 109km High Speed 1 railway line, the UK's only high-speed railway, as well as St Pancras International, Stratford International, Ebbsfleet International and Ashford International stations.

DB Schenker Rail is Britain's largest rail-freight operator, serving all parts of the UK and mainland Europe via the Channel Tunnel.

## Look, love, women won't be your mate if you keep calling them hun

DEMEANING pet names are among female workers' biggest office peevs, a study has found.

In a survey of 3,000 women, 75 per cent of respondents said being referred to by names such as love, babe or hun was unacceptable.

A quarter of those questioned said such terms made them angry and 5 per cent said they had lodged an official complaint.

The study was conducted by Bluefin, which has offices in Ashford, Dartford and Gravesend.

Head of marketing Peter Elliott said: "Although pet names are rarely used with the intention of being offensive, the repeated use of such terms in the workplace can cause aggravation, which over a long period of time can lead to a build-up of resentment and hostility."

"The terms listed in this research are often cited in wrongful-dismissal and sexual-harassment claims and businesses need to be very careful about allowing such language to be used in the workplace."

"This problem is likely to be amplified where women are in the minority and business-owners need to ensure they do not permit a laddish environment to develop which may lead

to feelings of victimisation among female workers."

According to the research, the pet name most likely to anger women in the workplace was love, with hun and mate also featuring high on the list.

Although such terms are most likely to be used in face-to-face conversations, many women reported that they were regularly referred to in such terms on the phone and in emails.

## Small businesses fear health and safety burden

HEALTH and safety regulations are a major burden on businesses, a report has revealed.

The finding was revealed by the British Chamber of Commerce (BCC), which surveyed almost 6,000 members across the country.

Almost half of all respondents (47 per cent) said stringent health and safety rules hampered business.

A fifth of sole traders said the legislation acted as a barrier to them taking on their first employee.

The cumulative cost of health and safety regulation in the UK amounts to

more than £4 billion.

The BCC has recommended that regulation should be tailored to the risk level of the workplace, while legislation should be streamlined to reduce costs and confusion.

Kent Invicta Chamber of Commerce chief executive Jo James said: "It is unfortunate that so many small firms seem to perceive health and safety regulations as a barrier to expansion and employment."

"While it is undoubtedly true that the legislation could be simplified and streamlined, to employ people and

then suffer from sickness and accident problems caused by a lack of health and safety care would be an even greater burden."

"It is important that the welfare of employers and employees is protected, and although the regulations are rigorous, when properly applied they are far from insurmountable."

"As a Chamber of Commerce we have a network that can guide employers through the health and safety requirements, and I urge prospective employers not to be put off but to consult us so we can help."

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# Bravely keeping us connected

FORMER features writer Lizzie Hodgson could lose everything – and she's ok with that.

The Indiconews Ltd chief executive has given up the mundane yet comforting tedium of steady, gainful employment to realise her cutting-edge communications vehicle, packaged as Civicboom.

The editor-turned-entrepreneur has already downsized her house to help finance the business, and risks losing much more if it all goes wrong.

But strangely, this fear factor gave Hodgson the confidence to go it alone in the first place.

"My situation terrified me yet at the same time it's not scary at all," she said. "What's the worst that could happen? In theory, I could lose my house. But I plan not to. That said, I believe that if you're comfortable with the worst case scenario you can achieve anything. I'm comfortable with that."

"There have been some hairy moments that we've had to get through and it's really tough out there but every start-up has to go through times like that. I can't imagine my life not being like this now."

Civicboom gives online enterprises the chance to fully engage with their audiences in a mutually beneficial way.

It's the next generation Twitter/Facebook – bringing consumers into the content-gathering equation, rather than simply serving them with the finished product to 'like'.

Hodgson's original intention for the API – application programming interface – was to help local newspapers reconnect with their audiences. Indeed, it was a local American newspaper that first inspired her eureka moment, in 2003.

Hodgson said: "I was in Washington DC in a café and reading a local newspaper. I remember realising what I was seeing on the streets was not being reported in the paper."

"This was long before the days of YouTube and Facebook, and Google was just four years old. Clearly, the technology was not up to speed at the time. But at that point I knew there was something around what was happening on the streets and what news providers needed – there was a clear gap there."

By 2008, Hodgson's vision had been partly realised with the emergence of citizen journalism. More and more readers were taking an active, if unsolicited, role in the news by presenting their information on blogs and websites, as opposed to sending it on to traditional news organisations.

Hodgson launched a citizen journalism website that year

## The BIG Interview

Civicboom creator Lizzie Hodgson had her eureka moment in a cafe in Washington DC in 2003. Unfortunately for her, she had to wait until technology had advanced sufficiently to turn her idea into a reality. She told Business Week editor Simon Robinson about her company.



but was still frustrated by the format's lack of immediacy and cohesion between contributors and consumers. But then came a huge step in mobile phone technological advancement and with it crowdsourcing.

Users, such as a newspaper, can put out a call for information on its website, be it photos, video, text or audio, and this request will be sent direct to all its members' Android phones.

Hodgson said the technology was a win/win for both news providers and their readers.

"The concept of a passive consumer has now been flipped on its head by the mobile phone. Society has also matured and no longer wants to sit back and just accept the news as it is provided – they want to contribute."

"For the news organisations, it gives them a chance to bring their readers into the news agenda, which is a fantastic way to gain new readers as well."

"I want Civicboom to become the premier crowdsourcing platform in the UK; the go-to company. I want to familiarise people and organisations with the concept of crowdsourcing."

"Then we can help reinvigorate interest in local news, which is so important for de-

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**LIZZIE HODGSON**

mocracy, for community cohesion. For too many people it is seen as dull, but I think it's the most important form of news.

"If the readers have ownership of what goes into their newspapers they might take ownership of their community and vice versa."

Hodgson's three developers wrote 40,000 lines of code since launching in February and they are now at the point of rolling the product out across the UK with an eye on the US soon after.

And the entrepreneur is quick to recognise the hard work her team has put in.

When asked what gets her out of bed in the morning, she said: "In all honesty, my team. I believe I have the three best developers in Kent. They are awesome. We are passionate about what we're doing. It's an exciting area to be in right now. I want collaboration to be the new rock and roll."

Hodgson also recognises those who have helped her transform from an entrepreneur into a businesswoman.

She said: "The difference between a businessman and an entrepreneur is that a businessman has gone through the ranks and made a healthy profit. An entrepreneur just has an idea but doesn't know if it's going to work or not. They've got to take a risk with it."

"I don't have the credentials of a businesswoman. I just had an idea. We've got it to where we are now because I've had phenomenal support from friends and family, plus I have an incredible partner who has endured all the hard times because they believe in me."

"But now as a company we're far more organised having sourced external investment from Willow Investment and another Angel Investor,



**CONNECTIONS:** Lizzie Hodgson and her team of three developers behind Civicboom

meaning we have a strategy.

"You then have to meet people and convince them to help you get to the next stage. Innovation & Growth have been a crucial organisation to us."

"Their support has been really important as they have of-

fered guidance, mentoring and help in finding investors."

"They have recognised in us that we are potentially a high growth international company and have been that extra person we needed."

"There needs to be more or-

ganisations like them to give start-ups a helping hand. We need innovation and start-ups – people taking a risk."

"It's now, more than ever, that we should be fearless. It's the only way we will burst out of the recession."



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### Highlight your firm's success

HIGH-achieving companies and entrepreneurs are urged to enter this year's National Business Awards.

The annual awards are open to businesses of all shapes and sizes to enter 17 categories.

Sponsors Orange said British firms should do more to celebrate their successes.

Business at Orange vice president Martin Stiven said:

"To encourage confidence in UK business, we need to showcase those companies that are leading the pack and have demonstrated real innovation in the past year."

Categories include the innovation award, SME of the year and sustainability award.

The deadline for entries is Wednesday, June 15. Call 020 7234 8755 or visit [www.nationalbusinessawards.co.uk](http://www.nationalbusinessawards.co.uk).

### Export exhibition hosted by Blues

COMPANIES looking to go global are invited to attend the ExploreExport event in London.

The one-day exhibition will bring more than 70 commercial officers from UK diplomatic posts in more than 50 overseas markets together.

Firms can book up to four one-on-one meetings and will

come away with information on opportunities, tips on practice, cultural attitudes and potential pitfalls and details of and access to relevant contacts.

The event is organised by UK Trade & Investment.

ExploreExport takes place at Chelsea's Stamford Bridge stadium on Monday, June 27.

### Easy-to-digest legal advice

TWO free breakfast seminars are being served up to help charities reduce financial risk.

The events have been organised by law firm Furley Page to provide guidance on issues including governance and administration, employing staff, investments and financial management.

Employment lawyer Sian

Stubberfield said: "These seminars are designed to provide an opportunity to exchange ideas with fellow professionals in the charity sector."

They will be held at Furley Page's Canterbury office on Thursday, June 9, and at the Chatham office on Wednesday, June 22.

# Businesses asked to speak up on rubbish consultation

By Simon Robinson

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BUSINESSES are being invited to help shape the future of waste and mineral activities in Kent.

KCC will use feedback from firms and landowners to prepare a 20-year framework aimed at supporting the county's waste and mineral industries.

Almost 100 existing and potential sites for development have been put forward to the authority during the last year.

Now planning chiefs have thrown the ball back into businesses' court by starting an eight-week period of consultation. During this time, waste and mineral companies are being asked to give their views on how best to take the industry forward.

Once the eight weeks are up, there will be a sifting process of sites, followed by a further round of public consultation to inform the final documents. These will then be presented at a public examination and the Planning Inspectorate will make recommendations on the final framework.

KCC waste boss David Brazier, who is heading the team preparing the plans, said: "Waste and mineral operations can mean a welcome jobs boost for communities, and companies have told us where they want to work."

"We have already received 1,000 comments in the first stage of this process. Now it's time for businesses and residents to have their say."



**JOBS AND DEVELOPMENTS:** The proposals will help form a 20-year framework

"Businesses are already very active in mineral production and waste activities in Kent. This is about planning for their future needs. We are also looking for modern, innovative ways of working."

"The comments we receive during this consultation will help us shape the future of these two important industries in Kent. This is a great opportunity for everyone to contribute and make a real difference in their community. Your views can influence whether or not sites are suitable to go forward at this stage."

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## Excellent customer service ensures van centre registers new contract

PRODUCTIVITY at a Dartford van centre is set to shift up a gear after it secured a £7 million order.

Beadles Volkswagen won the account to supply up to 120 commercial vehicles for National Cash Registers (NCR). The deal will see the firm roll out Caddy BlueMotion and Maxi Life vans in NCR colours during the next two years.

Beadles brand manager Keith Banks said: "This is a fantastic account to win

and provides evidence of our customer service excellence standards."

"We look forward to providing NCR with their fleet of commercial Volkswagens and to continuing a successful business relationship."

NCR's UK supply manager John Gorrington said: "This is a significant investment by NCR in the UK market and we're delighted with the way everything has been handled. When considering the fleet,

NCR has looked at its green credentials and this played a huge part in the company choosing the Volkswagen Caddy BlueMotion vans."

"The low CO2 emissions and high miles per gallon ratio were key factors in NCR's decision."

"But it was the customer service we received from Beadles Volkswagen Van Centre, Volkswagen Commercial Vehicles and LeasePlan that made it a simple decision."



**AGREED:** From left, Beadles Volkswagen's David Harvey and NCR's Paul Abbott

## Kent tourism boss given national call-up

VISIT Kent chairman Amanda Cottrell must focus her attention further afield after being appointed to the board of Visit England.

Mrs Cottrell, who lives in Challock, near Ashford, said: "It is a great honour to have been appointed to the VisitEngland Board and support this important industry which contributes

so much to our economy, our heritage, our environment and our quality of life from the national level."

"I shall, of course, continue in my role with Visit Kent and I fully intend to be flying the flag for Kent at every opportunity."

"The work of VisitEngland is key at this time as individual areas of the

country are now facing significant reductions in their public funding and are aiming to develop new partnerships across the industry and sustainable destination management organisations."

Mrs Cottrell was appointed to the Visit England board by Tourism and Heritage Minister John Penrose.

# Focus is key if you want to capture that vital funding from the banks

By Simon Robinson

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THE big five banks have failed to hit an agreed Government lending target – falling short by £2.2 billion.

The Government's Project Merlin was supposed to ensure the UK's largest banks, including those owned by the taxpayer, pursued an active lending agenda, particularly in the SME market.

The agreement was designed to see £19 billion lent to the UK's small and medium-sized businesses in the first quarter of 2011, but that target has been missed, with total lending coming in at just £16.8 billion.

With funding remaining a key issue for the region's businesses, the Innovation and Growth Team (IGT) has announced a series of three seminars for high-growth companies aimed at helping resolve the problem.

Finance lead Phil Beavan said: "As a team we focus on high-growth businesses, and as growth is the biggest burner of cash we are involved in a huge number of funding issues.

"The fact is that businesses need to up their game in their approach to securing finance – firstly by understanding why banks appear reluctant to help and secondly by having a good grasp on the alternatives.

"The answer is often a mixture of the two.

"There has been a fundamental shift in the way banks price and view debt and if businesses had a better handle on these changes then they would be able to tailor their approaches accordingly, making propositions more at-



**APPLICATION:** The seminars are aimed at helping businesses face up to the fundamental changes in the way banks lend

tractive to debt providers. The banks are at fault, but the wind is not blowing in only one direction on this."

The How to Capture Funding – Straight from the Horse's Mouth seminars are being held in June and July and are designed as stand-alone sessions for businesses to better equip themselves to raise the finance

they need, Mr Beavan said: "We have arranged for one of the area's leading regional bank managers to talk about how the banks price deals, what they like, what they do not like and crucially why.

"Not all of this is at the banks' behest – much has been foisted upon them and businesses need to know

what the lie of the land is. In addition, we will have three of Kent's most active and respected Business Angels speaking about what they look for in the businesses they back and bringing home the reality that too many businesses are undercapitalised and over geared."

The seminars also include the op-

## Seminars

Tuesday, June 28, at Hall Place, Canterbury, from 5.30pm-8.30pm

Thursday, June 30, at Medway Innovation Centre, from 7.30am-10.30am.

Tuesday, July 5, at Salomans, Tunbridge Wells, from 7.30am-10.30am

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PHIL BEAVAN

portunity to sit down with one of the IGT team to see how funding requirements can be resolved.

Although they are free to attend, places are heavily restricted and anyone interested should visit [www.eventssoutheast.co.uk/innovationandgrowth](http://www.eventssoutheast.co.uk/innovationandgrowth) for further details and information.

## Don't expect Time to Pay as squeeze tightens

STRUGGLING small businesses are being squeezed by the Government, figures reveal.

In the past two years, Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs has increasingly hardened its position on accepting Time To Pay (TTP) applications, which allow SMEs to delay paying outstanding business taxes.

The TTP arrangements, implemented by the previous Government, were taken up by 400,000 small firms, which have collectively deferred paying tax worth £6.83 billion.

But with the Government looking to close the budget deficit, HMRC has reined in the TTP scheme in recent years, with the percentage of requests refused during Q1 rising from 2.7 per cent in 2009, to six per cent in 2010 and 9.3 per cent this year.

Crowe Clark Whitehall tax partner Simon Warne said SMEs should look to keep a firm handle on their finances in order to avoid the need of a TTP arrangement.

"The number of applications rejected by HMRC has doubled since 2009 and must be seen in the broader context of the Treasury pressuring other Government departments to help it reduce the deficit," he said.

"The best thing to do is to avoid TTP in the first



**CONTROL:** Simon Warne says to be prepared

place. Maintaining a steady cash flow, managing stock effectively and implementing staff pay freezes rather than making rash decisions such as

redundancy can all help businesses avoid having to ask HMRC for favours.

"The TTP scheme has been called a ticking time bomb as the debt was always going to have to be repaid – it's just a question of when."

The tightening of HMRC's attitude to TTP follows its recent announcement that it is to examine the quality of record keeping by small businesses through its Business Records Checks campaign. This could bring the exchequer £600 million in fines over the next four years by scrutinising the records of 200,000 businesses and fining them an expected average of £3,000 for inaccuracies.

Warne added: "The last few months have been tough for small businesses, with many unable to pass on the cumulative effect of the rise in commodity prices, the increase in National Insurance and rocketing fuel prices to their customers. As a result many companies will continue to find it tough and HMRC's hardening attitude may push many into administration."

Businesses interested in seeking expert advice on tax and business planning can contact Simon Warne on 01622 767676 or by emailing [simon.warne@crowecw.co.uk](mailto:simon.warne@crowecw.co.uk).

## Banks sign up to help firms go eco-friendly

NATWEST and RBS have launched a £50 million renewable energy fund in a bid to help firms go green.

The cash has been made available after research carried out by the banks revealed that one third of agricultural firms wish to deploy renewable energy – including solar panels and wind turbines – at their farm to reduce running costs, as well as carbon emissions.

Furthermore, more than half of these businesses said they would need funding from their bank to take this forward.

The banks' head of agriculture and renewable energy Ian Burrow said: "We're serious about being at the forefront of helping UK businesses switch to a more sustainable way of meeting their energy needs.

"We have nearly 200 relationship managers trained in covering the technical, legal and financial considerations specific to renewable energy – no other bank can offer this depth of knowledge and level of service to SMEs."

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# Keep Kent Working!

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## Logistical support for unemployed

YOUTH charity the Prince's Trust has teamed up with a global logistics company to help unemployed young people from Medway and Maidstone find jobs.

One in five Kent residents aged 16-25 is currently unemployed, and the trust is holding a free two-week course aiming to address the skills shortage in the county.

During the Get into Logistics sessions at DHL's National Health Service supply chain site in Maidstone, participants will gain hands-on experience in the industry as well as developing their job skills, confidence and motivation.

The course runs from June 13-24 with a taster day for those interested in signing up being held on Wednesday, June 8.

Run in partnership with the German firm DHL and funded by its charitable arm the DHL UK Foundation, the scheme will also give young people a unique insight into how a logistics company is run.

"The support of the DHL UK Foundation is vital in helping young people into work," said Natalie Ross, acting regional director for the Prince's Trust in London and the South East. "It's particularly important in this difficult economic climate."

During the course each young person will be matched with a mentor from the company for support and encouragement.

It is open to males and females alike and aimed particularly at young people classed as Neet (not in employment, education or training).

More than three in every four young people helped by the Prince's Trust move into work or training, and after the DHL course participants will receive six months' support to help them into education or employment.

Gerrit Van Rensburg, HR business director for DHL, said: "Too many youngsters feel they will never reach their full potential. We are thrilled to be able to make a difference to the lives of Maidstone's young people."

The logistics course is the 14th 'Get into' programme run by DHL across the UK, and is part of a long-term commitment to support the communities in which it operates.

More than 100 young people have now benefited from the scheme.

# Mayoral gift requires Government support

By Steve Knight

steve.knight@archant.co.uk

A FORMER mayor who has launched a new charity for apprentices has called on the Government to do more to help companies afford them.

David Jukes' outgoing gift to the people of Tunbridge Wells and the surrounding areas was to set up a fund offering grants to apprentices towards tools and their training.

But the 69-year-old former construction boss says more needs to be done to help firms – particularly those in his industry of expertise – take on trainee bricklayers, carpenters, plumbers and so on.

He said: "The Government says it wants to create 400,000 new apprenticeships this year but that's a pretty big target when they're not doing much to help companies afford them."

"A lot of small businesses are keen to take them on because apprentices will help them expand. For years firms have been importing skilled labourers in from abroad, but since the recession that has slowed down a lot so we need to replace them with our own."

"A company will only start to make money out of an apprentice once he takes out his tools and becomes useful, so I'd like to see tax breaks for those which take them on."

"The qualifications should also be simplified so they are more job-specific, and a commitment to employ apprentices should also start to be built into section 106 planning agreements."

Cllr Jukes reached the end of his term as mayor of Tunbridge Wells a fortnight ago.

But rather than leave a gift to decorate the office, he instead broke with tradition and launched the David Jukes Craft Apprentice Fund to mark the



CHARITABLE: Cllr David Jukes

end of his time in office.

Thousands of pounds worth of donations have already flooded into the charity after he contacted former colleagues in the industry, some of whose careers he helped launch by taking them on as apprentices.

He said: "Not everyone wants to go to university. Labour in 1997 said it wanted 50 per cent of young people to go to university, but where does that leave the other 50 per cent? Having to support everybody else, that's where."

"A lot of youngsters who go to university are very clever but they're useless because they can't do anything with their hands."

"Some people will never be very good academically, but they will still contribute a great deal to the economy because they're good at practical things."

"That's where apprentices come in, and that's why I've launched this charity to help them in any way I can."



What is your business doing to help Keep Kent Working? Do you send employees on training courses to aid their personal development or run apprenticeship schemes? If you have a good news story email [steve.knight@archant.co.uk](mailto:steve.knight@archant.co.uk) or give him a call on 01303 817136.

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The land is also home to a museum that celebrates the history of the Salomons family.

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mons and a campaigner for equal rights for people of all faiths.

En-suite single accommodation is available for students but non-residential places are also on offer for most courses.

Prices start from £325 and courses include meals and refreshments with plenty of time for everyone to relax and enjoy their surroundings.

Visit [www.canterbury.ac.uk/summer-schools](http://www.canterbury.ac.uk/summer-schools) for more information.

### Pub games in the spotlight as students tackle live TV

BROADCAST media students at the University for the Creative Arts filmed a gameshow at Maidstone television studios.

The show – called Pub Game – is the brainchild of student Dylan Cox and involves contestants taking part in a series of tasks in front of a live studio audience.

Students from the university's BA (Hons) creative theatre and film course were also involved in the project, applying the skills learned on their course to the staging and production of the show.

Simon Welsford, senior lecturer for broadcast media, was delighted with how well his students took to the task.

He said: "The recording of the show went extremely well and there was a fantastic atmosphere in the audience. The students really achieved the 'Friday night in the pub' feeling they were aiming for."

"Audience participation was essential to the show, and our audience was taken from two local competing pubs."

"Being based at Maidstone Studios and using their facilities in this way is an excellent professional grounding for our students."

"Employability is a key aim of the course, and the opportunities for work placement and professional contacts give our students



CUT! Broadcast degree students at the UCA

an enviable advantage." Show creator Dylan Cox added: "Broadcast media at Maidstone Studios has bridged the gap between education and work-based learning."

"Being based in a professional TV studio made all the difference in planning and making our production."

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### Adult learning workshop to help identify the teachers of tomorrow

MEDWAY Adult and Community Learning Service is running a free workshop for people interested in joining its team of staff.

Those who attend next month's session in Rochester will learn more about what it takes to become an adult education teacher, including routes into the job, and advice on what qualities make a successful teacher.

The workshop will also help attendants identify personal

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Medway Adult and Community Learning Service manager Sue Hopkins said: "Adult learning is an integral part of community development, and interest in adult learning and the many ways in which it can take place is always high."

"If you have the skills to teach I would encourage you to attend this free seminar."

"It could be two hours that

change your life."

The free workshop takes place at the Rochester Community Hub, Eastgate, from 5-7pm on Thursday, June 23.

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The effect of the Order will be to remove a section of the existing 40 mph speed limit from the northern boundary of a property named Churchfields, for a distance of approximately 950 metres in a southwards direction, which will by virtue of a system of street lighting set less than 183 metres apart, automatically impose restricted road status (30mph) on this length of the Ashford Road (A28) St Michaels, Tenterden.

A copy of the proposed Order, statement of the Council's reasons for proposing to make the Order, a map indicating the location and the effect and a copy of any other Orders which will be amended by the proposed Order may be examined at the Council Offices of Ashford Borough Council, Civic Centre, Tannery Lane, Kent and at Kent County Council, Sessions House, Maidstone during normal opening times.

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THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of carriageway and footway improvement works, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Church Road, Ashford, on or after 6 June 2011 for up to 3 weeks or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed between the junctions with Queen Street and Norwood Street.

The alternative route is via A292 Elwick Road, Bank Street and Tufton Street.

The One-way Traffic Order in respect of Church Road between Norwood Street and Tufton Street, and the No Right Turn Order from Tufton Street into Church Road, will be suspended to allow access up to the point of closure.

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL (OLANTIGH ROAD, WYE, ASHFORD) (SPEED LIMIT) ORDER 2011

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984

Notice is hereby given that the KENT COUNTY COUNCIL proposes to make the above named Order under section 84(1), (2) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, (hereinafter called "the Act") and of all other enabling powers, and after consultation with the chief officer of police in accordance with paragraph 20 of Part III of Schedule 9 to the Act.

The effect of the proposed Order would be to extend the existing 30mph speed limit in Olantigh Road, for a distance approximately 65 metres in a north easterly direction, to the northern boundary of a property named Middlefield Cottage.

A copy of the proposed Order, statement of the Council's reasons for proposing to make the Order, a map indicating the location and the effect and a copy of any other Orders which will be amended by the proposed Order may be examined at the Council Offices of Ashford Borough Council, Civic Centre, Tannery Lane, Kent and at Kent County Council, Sessions House, Maidstone during normal opening times.

If you wish to offer support for or object to the proposed Order you should send your grounds for your observations in writing to the Transport and Development Manager Kent Highway Services, Ashford Highway Depot, Javelin Way, Henwood Industrial Estate, Ashford, TN24 8AD or by email to td.eastkent@kent.gov.uk by 12 noon on Monday 27th June 2011.

HIGHWAYS - District of Canterbury

MINSTER DRIVE, HERNE BAY (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of works to provide a new waste-water connection, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Minster Drive, Herne Bay, on or after 20 June 2011 for up to 2 weeks or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed at the junction with Western Avenue.

The alternative route is via Western Avenue, Sea Street and Albany Drive.

HIGHWAYS - Borough of Dartford

HIGHCROSS ROAD, SOUTHFLEET - (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public whilst works are carried out on or near the highway the Kent County Council has made an Order restricting the use by vehicular traffic on Highcross Road, Southfleet from its junction with Whitehill Road and Hook Green Road.

The Order will become effective on 6th June 2011, will be in operation and remain valid for a maximum period of 18 months; the works are planned to last 3 days. These restrictions will be effective when the appropriate signage is in place.

The alternative route for the above restriction will be via: Whitehill Road, Green Street Green Road and Sandbanks Hill.

The purpose of the closure is to facilitate BT works.

HIGHWAYS - District of Dover

LAURESTON PLACE, DOVER (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of gas mains replacement works, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Laureston Place, Dover, on or after 6 June 2011 for up to 4 weeks or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed at the junction with Castle Hill.

The alternative route is via A258 Castle Hill Road and Victoria Park.

UPPER STREET, KINGSDOWN (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of carriageway resurfacing, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Upper Street, Kingsdown, on or after 6 June 2011 for up to 11 days or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed for its entire length.

The alternative route is via Chalk Hill Road, Ringwood Road, A258 Dover Road, Granville Road, Kingsdown Road and Cliffe Road.

HIGHWAYS - Borough of Maidstone

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL (SYMONDS LANE, YALDING) (PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

NOTICE is hereby given that because works are proposed to be carried out on or near a road the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting the use by through traffic on Symonds Lane outside Pear Paddock on or after Monday 20th June 2011 for a period of up to 1 week or until such works are completed.

The alternative route is via B2162 Benover Road/Lees Road, Lees Road.

Southern Gas Networks apologise for any inconvenience caused by these works, which are necessary for a new gas supply. Should you require any further information for these works, please contact Amy Colvin on 01689 881315.

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL (WEEK STREET, MAIDSTONE) (PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC)(SUSPENSION OF ONE WAY AND NO ENTRY ORDER) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

NOTICE is hereby given that because works are proposed to be carried out the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting the use by through traffic on Week Street, outside of 91 on or after Monday 20th June 2011 when required for a period of

up to 1 week or until such works are complete. The one way order on Week Street between Station Road (northern most section) to St Faith's Street and the no entry from St Faith's Street on to Week Street are temporary suspended during the closure to allow for access.

The alternative route is via Station Road, St. Faith's Street and Week Street.

Southern Gas Networks apologise for any inconvenience caused by these essential works that are necessary to install a new gas supply. Should you require any further information about these works, their contact is Amy Colvin on 01689 881315.

HIGHWAYS - District of Sevenoaks

CHIPSTEAD LANE, RIVERHEAD - (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public whilst works are carried out on or near the highway the Kent County Council intends to make an Order restricting the use by vehicular traffic on Chipstead Lane, Riverhead between Cape House and A25 Worships Hill. The one way traffic order on Chipstead Lane, Riverhead from its junction with Barnfield Road to the start of the temporary road closure will be rescinded for the duration of this order for access.

The Order will become effective on 20th June 2011. It will be in operation and remain valid for a maximum period of 18 months. The restriction will be effective when required and when the appropriate signage is in place. The works are planned to last for 4 days.

The alternative route for the above restriction will be via: Witches Lane and A25 Worships Hill

The purpose of the closure is to facilitate electrical cable fault.

HIGHWAYS - Borough of Swale

CHESTNUT STREET, BORDEN (WIDTH RESTRICTION) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Kent County Council has made an Order to suspend the 6' 6" width restriction on Chestnut Street, Borden, on or after 6 June 2011 for up to 5 days or until works have been completed.

This is for the use of Chestnut Street as a diversion whilst the southbound carriageway of the A249 is closed for maintenance works, and applies when the relevant signs are covered or removed.

This Order suspends the Kent County Council (Various Roads, Borden, Bredgar, Bicknor, Tunstall and Sittingbourne) (Width Restriction) Order 1990.

LUTON ROAD, FAVERSHAM (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of Gas mains replacement works, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Luton Road, Faversham, on or after 20 June 2011 for up to 5 days or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed at the junction with Minster Road.

There is no alternative route.

The One-way Traffic Orders in respect of Luton Road and Minster Road (between the junctions with Luton Road and Westgate Road) will be suspended to allow access up to the point of closure.

HIGHWAYS - District of Thanet

ASHBURNHAM ROAD, RAMSGATE (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of gas mains replacement works, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Ashburnham Road, Ramsgate, on or after 20 June 2011 for up to 8 weeks or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed from the junction with Southwood Road to the end of the cul-de-sac.

The alternative route is via A255 High Street St Lawrence and Chapel Road.

There is no alternative route whilst the section beyond the junction with Chapel Road is closed, but every effort will be made to maintain access for residents whenever it is safe to do so.

COTTINGTON ROAD, MINSTER (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of works for the construction of new bridge parapets in connection with the forthcoming East Kent Access Road, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Cotington Road, Minster, on or after 8 June 2011 for up to 2 weeks or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed for a total of 3 nights within the closure period, with the specific dates advised and signed on site. The planned times of closure are between 10.30 pm and 5.00 am.

There will be no access for through traffic between the junctions with Thorne Hill / Ebbsfleet Lane to the junction with Oakland Court.

The alternative route is via Foads Lane, Cliffs End Road, A256 Sandwich Road, Lord of the Manor Interchange, A299 Canterbury Road West, Tothill Street, Foxborough Lane, The Lanes and Grinsell Hill.

COTTAGE ROAD, RAMSGATE (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of works to install a new gas supply to Hibernia Cottage, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Cottage Road, Ramsgate, on or after 6 June 2011 for up to 5 days or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed between the junctions with Abbot's Hill and Hibernia Street.

The alternative route is via Hibernia Street, Camden Road and Abbot's Hill.

HIGHWAYS - Borough of Tonbridge & Malling

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL (LOVE LANE, WATERINGBURY)

(PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

NOTICE is hereby given that because works are proposed to be carried out the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting the use by through traffic on Love Lane, from outside number 5 to Mill Oast House on or after Monday 6th June 2011 when required for a period of up to 1 week or until such works are complete.

The alternative route is via A26 Tonbridge Road, Mill Lane.

Kent Highway Services apologise for any inconvenience caused by these essential works that are necessary for drainage works. Should you require any further information about these works, their contact is Jamie Finch on 08458 247 800.

HIGHWAYS - Borough of Tunbridge Wells

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL

(B2083 COMMON ROAD, SISSINGHURST)

(30 MPH SPEED LIMIT) ORDER 2011

Notice is hereby given that the KENT COUNTY COUNCIL proposes to make the above named Order under section 84(1), (2) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, (hereinafter called "the Act") and of all other enabling powers, and after consultation with the chief officer of police in accordance with paragraph 20 of Part III of Schedule 9 to the Act,

The effect of the proposed Order will be to extend the existing 30mph speed limit on B2083 Common Road, Sissinghurst to a point 557 metres from its junction with The Street in a generally south-westerly direction.

A copy of the proposed Order, statement of the Council's reasons for proposing to make the Order, a map indicating the location and the effect and a copy of any other Orders which will be amended by the

For further information, please contact Kent Highway Services, on 08458 247 800 (local rate) or visit [www.kent.gov.uk/highways](http://www.kent.gov.uk/highways)



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proposed Order may be examined at the Council Offices of Tunbridge Wells Borough Council, Town Road, Royal Tunbridge Wells, Kent and at Kent County Council, Sessions House, Maidstone during normal opening times.

If you wish to offer support for or object to the proposed Order you should send your grounds for your observations in writing to the Transport and Development Manager Kent Highway Services, Cranbrook Highway Depot, Swattenden Lane, Cranbrook, TN17 3PS or by email to td.sevenoaks.twells@kent.gov.uk by 12 noon on Monday 27th June 2011.

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL  
(SANDROCK ROAD, TUNBRIDGE WELLS)  
(PROHIBITION OF WAITING) NO 3 ORDER 2011  
ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984

The Kent County Council proposes to make an Order under Sections 1,2, 4 and 124 of and Part IV of Schedule 9 to the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, the effect of which would be to prohibit vehicles from waiting at any time in the lengths of roads specified in the Schedule to this Order.

Exemptions would be provided in the Order to enable a vehicle to wait with police permission or for passengers to board or alight, for disabled badge holders, for the loading and unloading of goods, for enabling work to be carried out in or adjacent to the road and for emergency service vehicles.

A copy of the proposed Order and the relevant plans and other relevant documents may be inspected during normal office hours at Tunbridge Wells Borough Council, The Gateway, Grosvenor Road, Tunbridge Wells and Kent County Council, Sessions House, County Hall, Maidstone ME14 1XQ.

If you wish to support or object to the proposed Order, you should state your reasons in writing to the Network Performance Team, 1st Floor Invicta House, Invicta House, Maidstone, Kent, ME14 1XX to be received no later than noon on 27th June 2011. If you require any further information please contact Kent Highway Services Contact Centre on 08458 247 800.

THE SCHEDULE

No waiting at any time

Sandrock Road, Tunbridge Wells - South side - from a point 10 metres east of its junction with College Drive to a point 15 metres west of its junction with Cleveland.

Katherine Kerswell  
Group Managing Director  
Invicta House  
County Hall,  
Maidstone  
Kent, ME14 1XQ

Dated 3rd June 2011

For further information, please contact  
Kent Highway Services, on  
08458 247 800 (local rate)  
or visit [www.kent.gov.uk/highways](http://www.kent.gov.uk/highways)



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PLANNING

Town and Country Planning Acts

The Council is required to give notice of the following applications

**11/01416/HOUSE Linfold Franks Hollow Road, Bidborough**  
- Extension of time - Extension to ground floor and first floor (TW/08/01252/FUL refers) (LB) (CA)

**11/01445/FUL Bournes Stores High Street, Brenchley**  
- Change of use from retail space to tea room and retail shop (CA) (LB)

**11/01481/HOUSE 8 Broadwater Down Royal Tunbridge Wells, Broadwater**  
- Two storey rear extension and conversion of existing garage and former stables into living accommodation (CA)

**11/01453/OUT 4 West Terrace High Street, Cranbrook And Sissinghurst**  
- Extension of time - Outline (access, layout and scale not reserved) - New dwelling and parking (TW/08/01213/OUT refers) (CA) (PROW)

**11/01261/FUL Stable Block 29 Mount Ephraim, Culverden**  
- Change of use from art restoration and picture framing to furniture repair and recovering (CA) (LB)

**11/01302/HOUSE Lime Tree House Cranbrook Road, Goudhurst**  
- Replace existing north boundary hedge with 2m high brick wall (LB)

**11/01446/FUL Three Chimneys Farmhouse Beddebury Road, Goudhurst**  
- Conversion and extension of brick and tile barn/stable to provide residential accommodation similar to adjacent converted farm buildings (LB)

**11/00217/FULMJ Lillesden Park Hastings Road, Hawkhurst**  
- Change of use and alteration to Lillesden House to form 14 residential apartments, new residential 'enabling' development comprising 4 detached and 6 terraced houses with new access to the Hastings Road, associated car parking and garaging, and demolition of former ancillary school buildings (MAJOR) (CA) (DEVPLN) (LB)

**11/01527/FUL Barnfeld Barn High Street, Hawkhurst**  
- Variation of condition 2 of TW/07/00448 - all the windows at ground and first floor levels to be completely obscure glazed (LB)(CA)

**11/01460/HOUSE Church Cottage Brick Kiln Lane, Horsmonden**  
- Ground floor single storey rear extension and related alterations (LB)

**11/01461/LBC Church Cottage Brick Kiln Lane, Horsmonden**  
- Listed Building Consent - Ground floor single-storey rear extension and related alterations (LB)

**11/01441/HOUSE 7 Calverley Park Royal Tunbridge Wells, Park**  
- Demolition of existing single garage and construction of new double garage with basement store room (CA)(LB)

**11/01442/LBC 7 Calverley Park Roya Tunbridge Wells, Park**  
- Listed Building Consent - Demolition of existing single garage and construction of new double garage with basement store room (LB)

**11/01455/FUL 37 - 41 Camden Road Royal Tunbridge Wells, Park**  
- Alteration of existing flats on first and second floors to create five flats in total including conversion of existing roofspace (CA)

**11/01135/FUL 14B Lower Green Road Royal Tunbridge Wells, Rusthall**  
- Demolition of existing mews structure and erection of replacement building in same style to form 3No. mews maisonettes (CA)

**11/01136/CAC 14B Lower Green Road Royal Tunbridge Wells, Rusthall**  
- Conservation Area Consent: Demolition of existing mews structure (CA)

**11/01459/HOUSE Lyle Cottage Back Road, Sandhurst**  
- First floor extension over existing garage and conversion of garage to habitable accommodation (CA) (LB)

**11/01421/HOUSE 22 Prospect Park Southborough, Southborough North**  
- Raised garden decking (work commenced) (CA)

**11/01432/LBC Caenwood Farm Reynolds Lane, St Johns**  
- Listed Building Consent: To install solar pv panels to the roof of an outbuilding (LB)

(DEVPLN) Departure from the Development Plan (PROW) Affecting A Public Right of Way (CA) Affecting a Conservation Area (LB) Affecting a Listed Building (MAJOR) Major Applications (MAST) Mast Applications (IEA) Applications Accompanied by an EIA Statement.

You may view these applications on our website ([www.tunbridgejwells.gov.uk](http://www.tunbridgejwells.gov.uk)), at The Old Fire Station, Stone Street, Cranbrook or at Gateway, 8 Grosvenor Road, Tunbridge Wells. We accept comments online, by email to [planningcomments@tunbridgejwells.gov.uk](mailto:planningcomments@tunbridgejwells.gov.uk) or in writing to the address below. Comments should be made within 21 days from the date of this notice, although we may accept them after this date.

You should quote the reference and be aware that we make all comments available for inspection, placing them on the file and publishing them on the internet. We do not publish signatures, telephone numbers or email addresses on the internet.

Jim Kehoe  
Head of Planning Services Town Hall  
Royal Tunbridge Wells TN1 1RS

Dated: 04 June 2011



PREMISES/ GOODS LICENCES

Licensing Act 2003

Application for the grant of a Premises Licence

An application for a Premises Licence at 49 London Road, Sevenoaks, Kent, TN13 1AR has been made by El Matadore Limited. A summary of the proposed licensable activities and the proposed hours of opening: To allow live music, recorded music, performances of dance teaching Salsa & Tango, facilities for dancing, sale of alcohol and late night refreshment. Opening hours everyday from 08:00 hours until 01:00 hours.

Any person wishing to view details of an application can contact the licensing team on 01732 227004. Any person wishing to make representation about the proposals should make them in writing by 17th June 2011 to: Licensing Partnership, Council Offices, PO Box 182, Argyle Road, Sevenoaks, Kent, TN13 1GP [licensing@sevenoaks.gov.uk](mailto:licensing@sevenoaks.gov.uk) [www.sevenoaks.gov.uk](http://www.sevenoaks.gov.uk)

It is an offence knowingly or recklessly to make a false statement in connection with an application. The maximum fine for which a person is liable on summary of conviction for the offence is £5,000.

LICENSING ACT 2003  
Notice of Application for Grant/  
Variation of a Premises Licence

Notice is hereby given that SK Fried Chicken Ltd has applied to Tonbridge and Malling Borough Council for the grant/ variation of a Premises Licence in respect of premises known as SK Fried Chicken Ltd at 1C High Street, Tonbridge, Kent TN9 1SG. The application seeks the licence in respect of the following:

- The provision of late night refreshment

Details of the register of record of the application can be viewed at the Tonbridge and Malling Council Offices (Licensing Dept), Gibson Building, Gibson Drive, Kings Hill, West Malling during normal office hours. Any representations from interested parties or responsible authorities must be made in writing to the Council by 22nd June 2011.

It is an offence knowingly or recklessly to make a false statement in connection with an application and the maximum fine for which a person is liable on summary conviction is a fine not exceeding £5000.

Licensing Act 2003  
Application for the grant of a  
Premises Licence/Club Premises Certificate

An application for a Premises Licence at Amherst Academy School, Witches Lane, Riverhead, Kent TN13 2AX has been made by Amherst School PTA

A summary of the proposed licensable activities and the proposed hours of opening:

To allow plays, films and performances of dance everyday from 09:00 - 23:00. Live music, recorded music, anything similar to E.F. or G. facilities for making music and facilities for dancing everyday 17:00 - 00:00. Sale of alcohol Monday to Friday 18:00 - 00:00 hours and Saturday and Sunday 12:00 - 00:00.

The premises will be open on Monday to Thursday from 09:00 - 00:00, Friday and Saturday 09:00 - 01:00 and Sunday 09:00 - 00:30.

Any person wishing to view details of an application can contact the licensing team on 01732 227004. Any person wishing to make representation about the proposals should make them in writing by 20th June 2011 to: Licensing Partnership, Council Offices, PO Box 182, Argyle Road, Sevenoaks, Kent, TN13 1GP [licensing@sevenoaks.gov.uk](mailto:licensing@sevenoaks.gov.uk) [www.sevenoaks.gov.uk](http://www.sevenoaks.gov.uk)

It is an offence knowingly or recklessly to make a false statement in connection with an application. The maximum fine for which a person is liable on summary of conviction for the offence is £5,000.

Goods Vehicle Operator's Licence

Susan Jayne Armstrong trading as S J Armstrong of 11 Medway Road, Crayford, Dartford, Kent DA1 4PN is applying to change an existing licence as follows

- to keep an extra 1 goods vehicle and 1 trailer at the operating centre at Unit 8 Mulberry Way, Belvedere, Kent, DA17 6AN

Owners or occupiers of land (including buildings) near the operating centre(s) who believe that their use or enjoyment of that land would be affected, should make written representations to the Traffic Commissioner at Hillcrest House, 386 Harehills Lane, Leeds, LS9 6NF stating their reasons, within 21 days of this notice. Representors must at the same time send a copy of their representations to the applicant at the address given at the top of this notice. A Guide to Making Representations is available from the Traffic Commissioner's Office.

THE MAIDSTONE BOROUGH COUNCIL  
Town and Country Planning Act  
Notice of Applications

**MA/10/1262/S** - SUNNYCOTE, HIGH STREET, MARDEN, TONBRIDGE, KENT, TN12 9DR - Erection of a two storey side extension and single storey rear extension. **Reason: 1, 2**

**MA/11/0105/N** - BISHOPS, AVERY LANE, OTHAM, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME15 8RZ - Change of use of land to the keeping of horses; demolition of existing haybarn and store; and erection of a new two-block stable and a haybarn/machine store/tool store. **Reason: 1**

**MA/11/0538/S** - LAND EAST OF LIVESY STREET, TESTON, KENT - Change of use of the land for the keeping of horses and the stationing of a caravan for the purpose of providing a weather proof place for storage and mixing food for the horses. **Reason: 2, 6**

**MA/11/0551/N** - RUMWOOD OAST, NEW ROAD, LANGLEY, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME17 3NF - Change of use of land for the keeping of horses and erection of a stable block and manure bin. **Reason: 1, 6**

**MA/11/0685/S** - 1, SOVEREIGNS WAY, MARDEN, TONBRIDGE, KENT, TN12 9QF - Erection of replacement conservatory. **Reason: 2**

**MA/11/0707/S** - 4, BUXTON CLOSE, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME15 6BJ - Erection of a first floor side extension and ground floor side and rear extensions. **Reason: 1**

**MA/11/0715/N** - HUCKING COURT, CHURCH ROAD, HUCKING, KENT, ME17 1QT - An application for listed building consent for installation of dormer window to front elevation, erection of a storm porch to rear elevation and erection of extension to brick shed. **Reason: 3**

**MA/11/0730/N** - 2, ASHFORD ROAD, BEARSTED, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME14 4LP - Loft conversion with insertion of two side dormers, external terrace and fire escape. **Reason: 1**

**MA/11/0731/N** - LAND AT JUNCTION OF, WEST PARK ROAD AND YORK ROAD, MAIDSTONE - Application to extend the time limit for the implementation of planning permission MA/07/1269 (Erection of twelve two bedroom, three person flats). **Reason: 1, 6**

**MA/11/0735/N** - THE STABLES, GREEN HILL, OTHAM, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME15 8RR - Erection of a timber clad garage/store (Resubmission of MA/11/0295). **Reason: 1, 2**

**MA/11/0740/S** - VERRALLS BARN, ST ANNS GREEN LANE, MARDEN, TONBRIDGE, KENT, TN12 9AQ - Repair and reconstruction of fire-damaged residential barn conversion. **Reason: 1**

**MA/11/0744/S** - THE ORCHARDS SNOWEY TRACK OFF, PARK LANE, BOUGHTON MONCHELSEA, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME17 4JJ - The change of use of the site to a residential caravan site for 4 gypsy families involving the siting of 4 mobile homes, 4 touring caravans, the erection of 4 brick-built amenity blocks with associated parking areas. **Reason: 6**

**MA/11/0748/S** - PINKHORN GREEN FARM, TATTLEBURY LANE, HEADCORN, ASHFORD, KENT, TN27 9JL - Erection of a new farm building for additional cattle housing. **Reason: 1**

**MA/11/0752/N** - TOWN HALL, MIDDLE ROW, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME14 1TF - An application for Listed Building consent for works to the lead gutter serving the roof, including removal of redundant SV pipe from front elevation and replacement with cast iron downpipe. **Reason: 3**

**MA/11/0764/S** - 92, THE QUARRIES, BOUGHTON MONCHELSEA, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME17 4NJ - Erection of a two storey rear extension. **Reason: 1**

Reasons for advertisement key:

- 1 - Applications affects the setting of a Listed Building.
- 2 - Application affects the setting of a Conservation Area.
- 3 - Application is for Listed Building Consent.
- 6 - Application is Major Development.



Copies of applications listed may be seen at Maidstone Gateway, Maidstone during office hours (Monday to Wednesday 8.30am to 5.30pm, Thursday 8.30am to 7pm, Friday 8.30am to 5.30pm and Saturday 9am to 1pm). Any representations should be made in writing to me by no later than **19th June 2011**, quoting the application number. Rob Jarman, Head of Development Management, Maidstone Borough Council, Maidstone House, King Street, Maidstone, Kent ME15 6JQ. Dated: 5th June 2011

MARRIAGE LICENCES

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL  
THE MARRIAGE ACT 1949 AND  
CIVIL PARTNERSHIP ACT 2004

APPROVED PREMISES FOR  
CIVIL MARRIAGES & CIVIL PARTNERSHIPS

An application has been made to Kent County Council to grant a renewal of an approval for the following premises to act as a venue for the solemnisation of civil marriages and civil partnerships:-

Name of Premises: **Dover Discovery Centre, Market Square, Dover**

Applicant: **Mrs Sharon Birch**

The application and plan of the premises may be inspected at the address below during normal office hours. Any person may give notice in writing of an objection to the renewal of the grant of approval, together with the reasons, within 21 days from the date of this newspaper. Objections should be sent to the address below.

Giles Adey  
Head of Registration,  
Regulatory Services  
First Floor, Invicta House,  
Maidstone, Kent, ME14 1XX



KENT COUNTY COUNCIL  
THE MARRIAGE ACT 1949 AND  
CIVIL PARTNERSHIP ACT 2004

APPROVED PREMISES FOR  
CIVIL MARRIAGES & CIVIL PARTNERSHIPS

An application has been made to Kent County Council to grant a renewal of an approval for the following premises to act as a venue for the solemnisation of civil marriages and civil partnerships:-

Name of Premises: **Mount Ephraim, Hernhill, Faversham**

Applicant: **Mr William Dawes**

The application and plan of the premises may be inspected at the address below during normal office hours. Any person may give notice in writing of an objection to the renewal of the grant of approval, together with the reasons, within 21 days from the date of this newspaper. Objections should be sent to the address below.

Giles Adey  
Head of Registration,  
Regulatory Services  
First Floor, Invicta House,  
Maidstone, Kent, ME14 1XX





## PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY

## PROW - City of Canterbury

**NOTICE OF CONFIRMATION OF MODIFICATION ORDER  
WILDLIFE AND COUNTRYSIDE ACT 1981  
DEFINITIVE MAP AND STATEMENT FOR THE FORMER  
EXCLUDED AREA OF WHITSTABLE**
**THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL (PUBLIC FOOTPATH CWX44  
AT WHITSTABLE)**
**DEFINITIVE MAP MODIFICATION ORDER 2011**

On 24th May 2011 the Kent County Council confirmed the above Order without modifications.

The effect of the Order as confirmed is to modify the Definitive Map and Statement for the area by adding a Footpath (CWX44) which commences on Green Lane and runs in a northerly direction for 55 metres before turning in a north-easterly direction and continuing for 44 metres to its connection with Harwich Street (Between the points A and B on the Order Plan). The path has a width of 0.9 metres at its entrance from Green Lane and widens to 1.2 metres for the first 55 metres, the path widens to 1.4 metres for the remaining 44 metres. The route then narrows at its connection with Harwich Street to 0.9 metres due to a lamppost on the route.

All distances are approximate, all directions are general.

A copy of the Order as confirmed and Map may be seen free of charge during office hours at the offices of Canterbury City Council, Military Road, Canterbury, Kent, CT1 1YW or at the Kent County Council, Countryside Access Service, Invicta House, County Hall, Maidstone, Kent ME14 1XX. Copies of the Order and map may also be purchased there.

This Order became operative as from 24th May 2011 but if a person aggrieved by the Order desires to question the validity thereof or of any provision contained therein on the grounds that it is not within the powers of Section 53(3)(c)(i) of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981, or that any of the requirements of Schedule 15 to the Act have not been complied with in relation to the confirmation of the Order, he may, under Paragraph 12 of Schedule 15 to the Act, within 42 days from 5th June 2011 make application for the purpose to the High Court.

## PROW - Borough of Swale

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC PATH ORDERS**
**IN THE BOROUGH OF SWALE**
**HIGHWAYS ACT 1980**
**THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL**

- I) **(PUBLIC FOOTPATH Z538 (PART), LEYSDOWN) PUBLIC PATH DIVERSION AND DEFINITIVE MAP AND STATEMENT MODIFICATION ORDER 2011**
- II) **(PUBLIC FOOTPATH Z537 (PART), LEYSDOWN) PUBLIC PATH EXTINGUISHMENT AND DEFINITIVE MAP AND STATEMENT MODIFICATION ORDER 2011**
- III) **(PUBLIC FOOTPATH Z537 (PART), LEYSDOWN) PUBLIC PATH CREATION AND DEFINITIVE MAP AND STATEMENT MODIFICATION ORDER 2011**
- IV) **(PUBLIC BRIDLEWAY Z545 (PARTS), LEYSDOWN) PUBLIC PATH DIVERSION AND DEFINITIVE MAP AND STATEMENT MODIFICATION ORDER 2011**

The above Orders, made under sections 118,119 & 26 of the Highways Act 1980 will:-

- i) divert the entire width of that length of Public Footpath Z538 which commences at the unaffected part of Public Footpath Z538, NGR TR0392 6963 (Point A) and passes for 332 metres in a north north easterly direction to a connection with Public Footpath Z551 at NGR TR0938 6996, (Point C).
- ii) extinguish the entire width of that length of Public Footpath Z537 which commences at a point 16 metres to the south of Paradise Farmhouse at NGR TR0230 7032 (Point A) and passes for 138 metres in a south south westerly direction to its connection with the unaffected length of Public Footpath Z537 at NGR TR0227 7019 (Point B).
- iv) a) divert the entire width of that length of Public Bridleway Z545 which commences at NGR TR0423 6934 (Point A) and passes for 580 metres in a south south westerly direction to the unaffected part of Public Bridleway Z545 at NGR TR0395 6891, (Point B).

b) divert the entire width of that length of Public Bridleway Z545 which commences at the unaffected part of Public Bridleway Z545 at NGR TR0370 6876, (Point C), and passes in a south south westerly direction for 2616 metres to its connection with Public Bridleway Z544A at NGR TR0253 6680, (Point D).

and will provide:-

- i) a new length of **Public Footpath Z538** which commences at the unaffected part of Public Footpath Z538 at NGR TR0392 6963 (Point A), and passes in a north north easterly direction for 358 metres to a new connection with Public Footpath Z551 at NGR TR0396 6998 (Point B). The new length of path will have a width of 2 metres. There will be a kissing gate at NGR TR 0396 6998 (Point B). The kissing gates will conform to BS 5709:2006.
- iii) a new length of **Public Footpath Z537** by adding that length which commences at the connection with the unaffected length of Public Footpath Z537 at NGR TR0227 7019 (Point B) and passes for 97 metres in a northerly direction along the eastern edge of the field boundary before passing through a Kissing gate at NGR TR0226 7028 (Point X). The route then proceeds in a northerly direction for 110 metres along the western edge of the field boundary before crossing back to the eastern side through a gap. The route then proceeds for 69 metres in a north north westerly direction to connect with Leysdown Road at NGR TR0221 7045 (Point A). The new length of path will have a width of 2 metres.
- iv) a) a new length of **Public Bridleway Z545** which commences at NGR TR0423 6934, (Point A) and passes in a south south westerly direction for 510 metres to the unaffected part of Public Bridleway Z545 at NGR TR0395 6891, (Point B). The new length of way will have a width of 3 metres.
- b) a new length of **Public Bridleway Z545** which commences at NGR TR0370 6876, (Point C) and passes in a south south westerly direction for 2040 metres to its connection point with Public Bridleway Z544A at NGR TR0250 6738, (Point E). The new length of way will have a width of 3 metres.

All directions general, all distances approximate.

Copies of the Orders and Maps have been placed and may be seen free of charge at the offices of Swale Borough Council, Swale House, East Street, Sittingbourne, Kent, ME10 3HT or at the Countryside Access Service at Invicta House, County Hall, Maidstone, Kent, ME14 1XX, during office hours. Copies of the Orders and Maps may be purchased there.

Any representations about or objections to the Orders may be sent in writing to Colin Finch at the address below before 4 July 2011. Please state the grounds on which they are made and quote the relevant path reference (e.g. Z537).

If no representations or objections are duly made, or if any so made are withdrawn, the Kent County Council may confirm the Order as an unopposed Order. If the Order is sent to the Secretary of State for the Environment for confirmation any representations and objections which have not been withdrawn will be sent with the Order.

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC PATH ORDER**
**HIGHWAYS ACT 1980**
**THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL**
**(PUBLIC FOOTPATH ZR193 (PART) TONGE)**
**PUBLIC PATH DIVERSION AND DEFINITIVE MAP AND  
STATEMENT MODIFICATION ORDER 2011**

The above Order made under Section 119 of the Highways Act 1980 to divert the entire width of that length of public footpath numbered ZR193 which commences at NGR TQ 9356 6311 (Point A) on the Order Plan, and runs in a northerly direction for 68 metres to NGR TQ 9355 6318 (Point B), and then in a west north-westerly direction for 148 metres to join with Hempstead Lane at NGR TQ 9341 6323 (Point C).

*The above notice(s) may be provided in other formats*

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Between Points A-B-C on the Order Plan; and will add a new length of public footpath numbered ZR193 with a width of 2 metres which commences at NGR 9356 6311 (Point A) on the Order Plan, and runs in a generally west north-westerly direction for approximately 180 metres to join with Hempstead Lane at NGR TQ 9339 6316 (Point D). Between Points A-D on the Order Plan.

All directions general, all distances approximate.

A copy of the Order and the Map have been placed and may be seen free of charge at the Swale Borough Council, Swale House, East Street, Sittingbourne, Kent, ME10 3HT or the Kent County Council, Environment & Waste at Invicta House, County Hall, Maidstone ME14 1XX during office hours. Copies of the Order and Map may be purchased there.

Any representation about or objection to the Order may be sent in writing to Matthew Garvey at the address below (Tel: 01622 221971) before 04 July 2011. Please state the grounds on which they are made.

If no representations or objections are duly made, or if any so made are withdrawn, Kent County Council may confirm the Order as an unopposed Order. If the Order is sent to the Secretary of State for the Environment for confirmation any representations and objections which have not been withdrawn will be sent with the Order.

## PROW - Borough of Tonbridge &amp; Malling

**NOTICE OF CONFIRMATION OF MODIFICATION ORDER**
**WILDLIFE AND COUNTRYSIDE ACT 1981**
**DEFINITIVE MAP AND STATEMENT FOR THE COUNTY OF KENT**
**THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL (PUBLIC BRIDLEWAY  
MT416 AT SHIPBOURNE)**
**DEFINITIVE MAP MODIFICATION ORDER 2011**

On 24th May 2011 the Kent County Council confirmed the above Order without modifications.

The effect of the Order as confirmed is to modify the Definitive Map and Statement for the area by adding a Bridleway (MT416) with a width of 3 metres which commences at the south-eastern corner of Avenue Cottage on public bridleway MT50 at NGR TQ 5895 5092 (Point A), running in a south south-westerly direction for 19 metres to rejoin public bridleway MT50 at NGR 5894 5090 (Point B). (Between Point A and B on the Order Plan).

All distances are approximate, all directions are general.

A copy of the Order as confirmed and Map may be seen free of charge during office hours at the offices of Tonbridge and Malling Borough Council, Gibson Building, Gibson Drive, Kings Hill, West Malling, Kent, ME19 4LZ or at the Kent County Council, Countryside Access Service, Invicta House, County Hall, Maidstone, Kent ME14 1XX. Copies of the Order and map may also be purchased there.

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Countryside Access Service  
Kent County Council  
Invicta House  
County Hall  
Maidstone  
Kent ME14 1XX

Dated: 3rd June 2011

## PLANNING

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR PLANNING  
PERMISSION**
**TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING  
(DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE)  
(ENGLAND) ORDER 2010**
**NOTICE UNDER ARTICLE 13**

**KCC/SE/0244/2011 - Proposed development at  
Cowden Exploration Site, Field No. 0002, Claydene  
Farm, Off Hartfield Road, Cowden, Edenbridge, Kent.**

Cuadrilla Resources Limited is applying to Kent County Council for planning permission for Section 73 application to vary condition (29) and (30) of permission SE/98/234 to retain the Cowden Exploration Site, access and wellhead valve assembly for a further period of one year to complete current planned testing operations.

You may view this application at Sevenoaks District Council, Council Offices, Argyle Road, Sevenoaks, Kent, TN13 1HG or at our offices at the address below during all reasonable office hours.

**NOTICE UNDER ARTICLE 13 OF THE TOWN AND  
COUNTRY PLANNING (DEVELOPMENT  
MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE) (ENGLAND)  
ORDER 2010 AND UNDER THE PLANNING  
(LISTED BUILDINGS AND CONSERVATION  
AREAS) ACT 1990**

**KCC/SW/0230/2011 - Proposed development at  
Davington Primary School, Priory Row, Davington,  
Faversham, Kent, ME13 7EQ.**

Davington Primary School is applying to the Kent County Council Planning Applications Group for planning permission for the removal of existing window and door and replacement with new, including a wider door entrance and new timber windows, in keeping with the rest of the property. The proposed development is within the Faversham Conservation Area and could affect its character and/or appearance.

You may view this application at Swale Borough Council, Swale House, East Street, Sittingbourne, Kent, ME10 3HT or at our offices at the address below during all reasonable office hours.

**KCC/SW/0233/2011 - Proposed development at  
Sheldwich Primary School, Lees Court Road,  
Sheldwich, Nr Faversham, Kent, ME13 0LU.**

The Governors of Sheldwich Primary School are applying to the Kent County Council for planning permission for two single storey flat roof extensions to the existing WC wing of the school. The proposed development is within the Sheldwich Conservation Area and is likely to affect its character and/or appearance, and also affects the setting of a listed building.

You may view this application at Swale Borough Council, Swale House, East Street, Sittingbourne, Kent, ME10 3HT or at our offices at the address below during all reasonable office hours.

Alternatively, details of the application can be viewed on Kent County Council's website at [www.kent.gov.uk/planning](http://www.kent.gov.uk/planning).

We accept comments online via our website, by email to [planning.applications@kent.gov.uk](mailto:planning.applications@kent.gov.uk) or in writing to Planning Applications Group, Kent County Council, First Floor, Invicta House, County Hall, Maidstone, Kent, ME14 1XX within 21 days from the date of this notice. Please quote the application reference number and note that comments may be drawn to the attention of Council Members, the applicant and other interested persons.

Sharon Thompson  
Head of Planning Applications Group  
Kent County Council  
Dated: 5 June 2011



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- Italy - Genoa
- Disembark Marseilles

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**Friday, Nov 25 to 28, 2011**

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### PRICE INCLUDES:

- FREE drinks from 3.30pm to 11pm Friday, 12noon to 11pm Sat & Sun
- 3 dinners & 3 breakfasts
- Entertainment includes movie screening of Grease and Bee Gees Tribute act
- En-suite bedroom - upgrades available
- Indoor pool & sauna
- Return Car Ferry



## Carry on New Year Party

Warner Bembridge Coast Hotel, Isle of Wight - Over 40s only

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**Quote BC1-KOS**  
**£239pp**  
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**Friday, Jan 13 to 16, 2012**

Join us for a party that extends the New Year festivities. Our weekend break includes a gala New Year's Eve party and Free Drinks every day.

### PRICE INCLUDES:

- Free drinks from 3.30m to 11pm on Friday; 12noon to 11pm Sat & Sun - house beers & spirits, wine by the glass, pumped soft drinks & mixers
- Full entertainment programme
- En-suite bedroom
- 3 dinners & 3 breakfasts
- Indoor pool & sauna
- Return car ferry



## THE INTERVIEW

# Singing angels from Harlem

**Y**ANKEE Stadium, Times Square, Carnegie Hall, Madison Square Garden, The Apollo Theatre and Central Park – now it's the turn of the Assembly Hall Theatre, Tunbridge Wells. After shows in Rio de Janeiro and at BB King's Blues Club in Manhattan the Harlem Gospel Choir are set to bring their voices to Tunbridge Wells.

The legendary singers have performed with U2 and Keith Richards and in front of such dignitaries as Nelson Mandela, President Barack Obama and Pope John Paul II.

Now, founder member Allen Bailey is enjoying being in Britain.

"We love England, but this is the first time we've been here and the sun is shining. It's usually raining all the time," he said.

Bailey, one of four brothers, had a tough upbringing. His mother scrubbed floors in Greenwich Village, well before it became ultra-hip, while his father was a longshoreman on the tough New York docks. Gang warfare was common in the neighbourhood.

He said: "I remember when the heroin was coming in there. Every day you didn't know whether or not you were going to kill somebody or somebody was going to kill you, for a dollar or two dollars.

"I would go to school and never know if I was going to come back because you were going through these neighbourhoods and there were some really bad guys out there. If you had a new pair of shoes or a shirt, they were going to take it from you – with a knife."

But then there was the church. Like many of the black churches in Harlem, it also offered daycare, drug-counselling and support for single mothers... and also free tickets to the movies or baseball games at Yankee Stadium.

He said: "When I used to talk in church, I was seven or eight, my mother used to take me by the ear and say 'You keep doing what you're doing – Hell aint half-full yet'."

As a teenager in the 1950s, Bailey remembers the talent that emerged in the world of gospel music. He said: "I used to listen to the sisters in church and they would develop this pitch, this strong voice. Like Aretha Franklin

**Nick Ames** talks to Allen Bailey, whose vision to bring gospel music to the world saw him form the renowned Harlem Gospel Choir



and Patti LaBelle, Gladys Knight, all these wonderful people who had their beginnings in the black church."

While some of his brothers were on the mean streets of the city, he took to running the high-school entertainment committee. Bailey became familiar with the many scouts who appeared at the local talent shows, later going on to handle two entertainers who would grow to become superstars – Prince and Michael Jackson.

In 1986, he made the decision to look at the growing market for gospel music.

African-Americans were buying it, while vocal groups were travelling the country and adding to the growing interest. He was at the Cotton Club in Harlem at a celebration of Martin Luther King Junior's birthday when the idea came to him. He would form a travelling choir from 65 of Harlem's top singers and it would raise money for children's charities.

"Now this music, which started in Harlem, the entertainment capital of black America, has gone round the world," he said.

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**You were going through these neighbourhoods and there were some really bad guys there – if you had a new pair of shoes they would take them from you, with a knife...**

ALLEN BAILEY, CHOIR'S FOUNDER

Gospel music was born out of suffering, but its bluesy rhythms and emotional intensity make it attractive to musical collaborators. U2, for example, invited the Harlem Gospel Choir to sing back-up on their 1998 hit single I Still Haven't Found What I'm Looking For.

The choir has also sung for Elton John and performed In The Ghetto with Lisa Marie Presley during a live Oprah Winfrey show at Madison Square Garden.

Much of Harlem has been gentrified in recent years and tourists are common in the churches. But in many people's minds, it will be about as far removed from Tunbridge Wells as it is possible to get and still be on the same planet.

So how will the vibe of Black America, its legacy of slavery and segregation, its fight for civil rights and the subsequent election of a black president, translate?

"What people will experience is non-stop hand-clapping and foot-stomping in a family show which benefits children. The music goes across the same all over the world – real well."

**ON SONG:** The Harlem Gospel Choir will perform at the Assembly Hall in Tunbridge Wells on Sunday, June 12, at 7.30pm. Tickets cost £20, with concessions priced at £18.50. Phone 01892 530613.



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## TALKING POINT

## Woodland sell-off

**T**HE GOVERNMENT'S, now abandoned, plans to sell-off public forests sparked widespread protests and fears that access to much-loved woodland would be lost. More than half a million people signed a Save Our Forests petition run by the campaign group 38 Degrees and the embarrassing U-turn for the Conservative-led coalition was labelled a victory for 'people power'.

The Independent Panel on Forestry was set up to advise the Government on the future of forests and woods in England and is coming to Kent on September 16, as part of a number of visits to different sites across the country including the Forest of Dean.

The panel is yet to reveal which forests in Kent will receive a visit, but a spokeswoman said it would be looking at how smaller woods, with a mix of different trees, contribute to the wider natural landscape.

People have been urged to come forward and share their views on the future of more than 250,000 acres of public forests before the panel reports back in April next year.

Malcolm Dove, secretary of the Friends of Bedgebury National Pinetum, said the group would be getting involved with the consultation.

"We would hope to meet them when they come to Kent so we can explain our different circumstances to most other sites in Kent.

"Essentially we are an arboretum, a museum of trees, therefore we need substantial support from the Government just like all museums.

"Although the site itself may not take money it is a valuable asset to the world and the country. It must be kept on and not sold off."

Bedgebury, near Goudhurst, has been managed by the Forestry Commission since 1925. Mr Dove said he hoped the panel would come to Bedgebury during their visit to the county.

The panel is chaired by the Bishop of Liverpool, James Jones, and includes the chief executives of the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB), Dr Mike Clarke; the Ramblers' Tom Franklin; and The Wildlife Trust's, Stephanie Hilborne.

Bishop James said: "There is no doubt that people care deeply about the forests and their future.

"This subject has touched a nerve with the public and part of the panel's work is to understand why. I therefore urge you to use this opportunity and share your thoughts, ideas and feelings with us. It is crucial we listen to everyone to whom this matters because ultimately this is a conversation that should involve us all."

Steve Wheatley, site manager at Tudeley Woods, which has been run by the RSPB for the past 26 years, said he thought that people's biggest concern about the sell-off was access.

He said: "I think probably that issue was a big thing for people because they were worried they would lose access to these places.

"We get visitors here to the woods who come back from a long walk and say they loved it, but didn't see any birds, but they heard them, which is common in dense woodland.

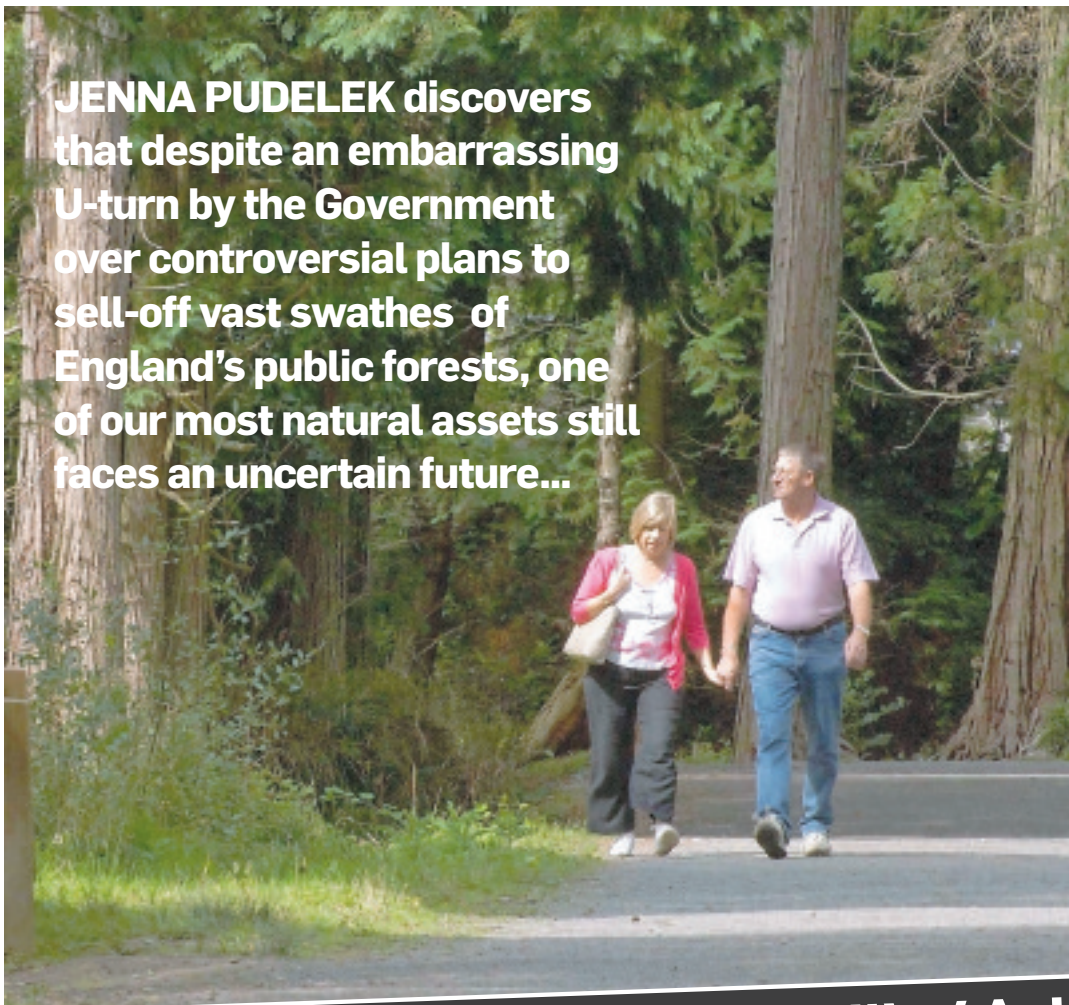
"They just like the fact the wildlife is there and enjoy the lovely walks.

"People like the ability to go out and appreciate a big wilderness area. Although it is perceived as a wilderness the reality is that it is all managed. It is the fear of loss of experience."

Mr Wheatley said he thought the RSPB was well placed to manage ancient woodland like Tudeley. A lot of their recent work at the site has been coppicing and creating spaces to attract butterflies and other wildlife.

The decline of woodland management, such as coppicing, has been blamed for species such as pearl-bordered fritillaries, which have now been reintroduced at Tudeley, becoming extinct in

**JENNA PUDELEK discovers that despite an embarrassing U-turn by the Government over controversial plans to sell-off vast swathes of England's public forests, one of our most natural assets still faces an uncertain future...**



# FORESTS SURVIVAL UP FOR DISCUSSION

“““

**This subject has touched a nerve with the public – it is crucial we listen to everyone to whom this matters because ultimately this is a conversation that involves us all**

**BISHOP JAMES JONES,**  
FROM THE INDEPENDENT  
PANEL ON FORESTRY



Kent.

"At Tudeley we get about 10,000 visitors a year, which is quite low because there are not really the facilities there compared to some sites like Bedgebury that gets a vast number of visitors," he said.

"We are just about to enter a new management agreement with the Hadlow estate which will mean we can start a new phase of investment in the trails and walks.

"We are hoping to see wider use and numbers going up considerably over the next few years.

"I think the RSPB is providing places both for wildlife and for people.

"We can really focus on that side of things to engage people with the wildlife."

He added: "The RSPB is supported by a million members' extra resources to plough into a reserve, while the Forestry Commission is bound by its public funding at a time when everyone's pockets are being pinched.

"Our chief executive (Dr Mike Clarke) is involved on the panel so we are very well represented. The RSPB is very much in favour of this review."

Asked if he welcomed the review by the independent panel, Bedgebury's Mr Dove added: "Yes, but I'm not happy they are still thinking of selling-off Forestry Commission land. At least this is not the bulk sell-off that was proposed originally and they are going to think and listen to the findings."

Forestry Commission sites in Kent also include Hemsted, near Benenden, Clowes Wood in Canterbury and King's Wood near Ashford.

The panel said it wants to receive the widest range of views whether you are a dog walker, environmentalist, forestry worker, commercial forest owner, cyclist or horserider.

For more information on how to get involved visit [www.defra.gov.uk/rural/forestry/panel](http://www.defra.gov.uk/rural/forestry/panel).

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# KENT REMEMBERED



**RED SAILS:** Documentary charts the history of the Thames barge and those who worked on them

## Film celebrates vital role played by barges

By Ed Hill

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IT'S hard to believe it now but there was an age when commodities like bricks, hay, wheat, stone and coal were transported not up and down the noisy pollution filled motorways of the county but along its coast and rivers.

The workhorse of this trade was not a horse at all but a boat. The Thames sailing barge was a product of hundreds of years of experimentation and evolution, meaning tonnes of heavy cargo could be delivered up and down the South East by a crew of two men and a dog.

This environmentally friendly form of transport relied on wind and tide to navigate from the ports of the South East coast into the heart of the city of London and as far as Europe. The barges were commercially operating as late as 1970.

Now a Faversham filmmaker is making a documentary about the history of the Thames Barge and of the industries and men that it helped to employ.

Michael Maloney moved to Faversham in 2001 and now lives by Faversham Creek. It is a fortunate time to be making a film about the Thames Barge as at the same time the last commercially trading vessel, the Cambria, has been restored at the town's Standard Quay.

Mr Maloney said: "We want to make this film so we can send it to schools as well as museums and shops. The seven and eight-year-olds of today will be the next big decision makers of tomorrow. In this day and age it seems amazing to realise



**FILM-MAKER:** Michael Maloney

that the barges produced absolutely no pollution, and used natural energy sources such as the wind and tides to achieve their task.

"Our local economies were totally reliant on these craft to transport our agricultural produce and manufactured goods all over the country.

"They were way ahead of their time they were the pioneers in re-usable energy and low carbon philosophy."

Mr Maloney already has a history of enlightening people about their local past.

Two years ago he completed a film called A Sideways Launch about the history of the Pollock Shipyard in Faversham.

Between 1916 and 1969 more than 1,200 ships were built by the yard on the creek, then launched sideways into the narrow waterway to ply their trade around the world.

He said: "We found all this old footage that had been kept by the caretaker of the yard. We managed to get a grant from the UK film council to transfer it all to video tape and then de-

cided to make it into a film that would show local people a part of its past that many of them know very little about."

The culmination of the project was a screening of the film at Faversham's Royal Cinema in front of more than 500 people and a DVD that has been sold in museums and shops to many people.

He has also completed a project 'A Dream of Flight' showing the historical role that the Isle of Sheppey and Leysdown had in the pioneering days of British aviation.

Mr Maloney hopes his new film, Red Sails, will have much the same impact for the Thames Sailing Barge.

He has interviewed some of the last men to sail the barges commercially and has compiled archive footage showing the barges in their heyday and the other industries such as agriculture and brick making that they were a part of.

The title comes from the distinctive colour of the barges' canvas which was painted with red ochre and fish oil to help preserve them.

As well as looking at the history of the barge, the film also follows the work of the shipwrights and trainees that have been working on the restoration of the Cambria and its launch earlier this year.

However, Mr Maloney now needs sponsors to help him complete the film and he is looking for local people and organisations to sign up.

■ To find out more about the project, view a trailer of the film at [www.cwideprods.co.uk/red-sails/](http://www.cwideprods.co.uk/red-sails/)

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**48YR** old female, 5ft 3ins, medium build, likes animals, nights in/out, holidays, coast, seeks male, 48-50, preferably a smoker for LTR. Maidstone. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 365955

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**34YR** old blonde new to the area, seeking younger guy for fun times maybe more. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 365079

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**TALL** blue eyed 30's female, brown hair, lots of interests, seeks male for good times. Any age/looks/status. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 366705 ☞

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**CUTE** very curvy young girl, 18, WLTm romantic guy for lots of fun and loving. Looks/status unimportant. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 366999 ☞

**MAIDSTONE** lady, pretty, petite, late 50's, honest, caring, N/S, loves life and most things, seeks nice guy for friendship/relationship. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 366501 ☞

**HAZEL** blonde, 62, pretty, cuddly, N/S, no drinker, seeks genuine, attractive male, 55-65 for fun and friendship. Ramsgate. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 366319 ☞

**MARY** 60, good for age, GSOH, likes cooking, meals out, looking for some fun company, possible romance. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 364357

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**ATTRACTIVE** warm, blonde female, European, 49, seeks honest, generous male, 50 plus who will take care of me. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 364277 ☞

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**ELIZABETH** caring, honest, reliable, likes most things, seeks older gent, late 70's for friendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 359589

**SLIM** attractive, elegant female, likes travel, restaurants, cinema, seeks caring, male, 45-55 for friendship, possible relationship. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 361571

**SALLY** independent, intelligent, confident, caring female, seeking a similar soul mate. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 361575

**MISS** Gorgeous, 5ft 8ins, black beauty, sexy, curvy, likes a laugh, happy go lucky, seeks male for no strings fun times. Hackney. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 365861 ☞

**ACADEMIC** man sought by female, recent graduate, into art, history, psychology, likes usual activities as well as London art galleries and walks. Bromley. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 365501

**ATTRACTIVE** confident, lady, 37, independent, HIV Positive, seeks male for companionship, maybe more. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 363415 ☞

**48YR** old female, average build, good looking, likes most things, seeks male for friendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 363321

**FUN** outgoing lady, seeks spontaneous male, 37-60, adventurous, professional, attractive. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 363331 ☞

**JANE** 27, caring, bubbly, likes nights out, cinema, bowling, DVDs, seeks male for fun and friendship. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 363203 ☞

**SING** 50 plus female, seeks male who likes talks, walks, dining and dancing. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 364975

**FEMALE** 25, professional, likes nights out, socialising, seeks male. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 360961 ☞

**ANNE** 61, 5ft 3ins, medium build, blue eyes, blonde hair, seeks honest male for friendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 361243 ☞

**65YR** old slim brunette, caring, loving, many interests, arts, coastal walks, animals, cooking, seeks attractive, compatible male. Dog owner in Maidstone perfect. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 383676

**PATRICIA** outgoing, confident, feminine, warm, friendly, smart, good company, attractive, seeks similar male. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 364715 ☞

**ATTRACTIVE** black lady, 5ft 6ins, black hair, slim, kissable lips, likes walks, horse riding, go karts, seeks professional white male, 35-45, athletic, 5ft 11ins-6ft. London. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 353897

**ATTRACTIVE** lady, seeks kind, solvent male for romance and possibly love. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 360159

**ISABELLE** lovely lady, genuine, honest, loving, caring, 68, N/S, no drinker, slightly disabled, WLTm male for love, companionship, maybe more. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 347305

**42YR** old female, likes music, dancing, writing, astrology, cats, seeks male with GSOH and similar age. Medway. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 351577

**CARING** young 62 petite blonde, seeks someone to share doing things with, theatre, dancing and perhaps nights in. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 359761

**57YR** old lady, works, divorced, likes beach, meals out, theatre, travel, weekends away, seeks white male, 56-61 with GSOH for LTR. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 359685 ☞

**YOUNG** 54yr old female, slim, 5ft 3ins, seeks tall, honest, caring guy for friendship/relationship. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 362669 ☞

**SALLY** petite, confident lady, happy go lucky, likes dancing, walks, TV, seeks male/soul mate for friendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 362665

**BONDS** tanned female, trendy, 46, GSOH, likes walks, pubs, nights in, seeks male. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 384852 ☞

**SUZANNE** 35, beautiful blonde, seeks male for chats and a relaxat glass of wine anytime. ACA, status unimportant. City area. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 342527 ☞

**PRETTY** woman, slim, black, widow, 39, energetic, seeks white, solvent male for LTR. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 360695 ☞

**GORGEOUS** lonely lass, 45, looking for some romantic liaisons with younger male, looks important, no chancers. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 364415

**UNIQUE** attractive black female, 37, slim, enjoys music, reading, theatre nature, WLTm genuine life, 37-49 to share laughter and life, caring, N/S who lives near London. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 333815

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**BLACK** female, likes meals out, theatre, seeks solvent white male, 30-47 for genuine relationship. Ashford. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 382910

**52YR** old female, likes walks, animals, theatre, cinema, seeks male for companionship/LTR. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 357291

**LATE** 20's female seeking older male. Call to hear exactly what I'm like and looking for. I can meet anywhere in London at any time Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 356995

**TALL** slim brunette, just 21yrs seeks interesting older male who knows what's what, show me the ways of the world. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 356969

**DEBBIE** mid 50's, attractive, likes dancing, music, cinema, theatre, seeks male for companionship. Maidstone. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 351419 ☞

**FIT** lady, 65, thinks she's 40, N/S, loves life, seeks genuine gent, 60-70 N/S for happy loving, exciting times. Gravesend. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 353111

**GENUINE** loving female, 40, seeks SINGLE mum, 39, likes most things, seeks male with GSOH for LTR. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 349999

**OLD** fashioned girl, 49, fun, friendly, seeks mature male for fun, maybe more. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 382192

**GENUINE** loving female, 40, seeks loving male, 40-50 for friendship and LTR. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 345487 ☞

**LADY** seeks N/S, clean shaven male to appreciate artistic, romantic, feisty, attractive, slimmish, curvy lady of 69 who has not yet joined the wrinkles. Ashford. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 349757

**ATTRACTIVE** slim single mum, 44, seeks similar tall male, 40-50, caring, loving and loyal, are you? Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 334393 ☞

**SARAH** 37, caring, kind, seeks fun, caring guy, 37-49. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 346319

**NATALIA** attractive, brunette, brown eyes, 40's, N/S, slim, fit, friendly, seeks sincere, N/S, solvent male for love and relationship. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 344393

**PROFESSIONAL** attractive, friendly, black British female, mid 40's, size 10-12 likes socialising, seeks sincere male of any nationality for LTR. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 341125

**26YR** old brunette, seeks fun loving, adventurous male for relationship. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 380918 ☞

**LISA** 42, medium build, likes cooking, walks, music, days in/out, WLTm caring, down to earth male, 40-50. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 332817

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**YOUNG** black female, likes meals out, theatre, seeks solvent white male 30-47 for genuine relationship. Ashford. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 382706

**PROFESSIONAL** black lady 44, 5ft 3ins, medium build, seeks genuine, caring, professional guy, 40-54, any race for relationship. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 359586

**SOUTH** London Lady, full figure with long hair, curves in all the right places, WLTm male of any age for fun, friendship and more. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 356613

**PETITE** female, slim, attractive, blonde hair, green eyes, GSOH, romantic, likes sports, nights out, meals, seeks honest, genuine, N/S male. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 334613 ☞

**5FT** 2ins female, dark hair, medium build, late 40's, GSOH, likes cinema, walks, family life, seeks male for friendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 350381

**49YR** old gent, seeking a lady companion, any nationality for friendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 366681

**62YR** old young man, 6ft, medium build, N/S, WLTm similar young lady for fun and evenings out. Gravesend. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 367615 ☞

**41YR** old shy male, easygoing, seeks similar lady for LTR. Kent. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 367559

**FIT** handsome English male, 53, loves fine food, theatre, travel, seeks beautiful goddess, 30-40, caring and considerate, any nationality for LTR. Central London. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 367537 ☞

**SINGLE** male, 28, Margate, likes walks, exercise, films, music, seeks female. Thanet. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 367521 ☞

**FUN** loving guy GSOH, looking for the perfect woman, are you really out there? Medway. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 367489 ☞

**RICHARD** 64, dark hair, blue eyes, slim-medium build, likes holidays, cooking, meals out, walks, beach, seeks female, 36-59 for LTR. Ashford. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 385936 ☞

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**FEMALE** 29, HIV, likes cinema, music, countryside, cosy nights in, seeks good male. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 357327

**HAPPY** fun loving, attractive, intelligent, educated, slim, curvy female, late 40's, WLTm caring, sincere man interested in theatre, reading, arts, nature and walks for friendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 356613

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## Woodland day Survival skills and nature

### Rolvenden primary school

Sunday, June 12  
01580 240104  
www.btcv.org.uk

THE British Trust for Conservation Volunteers (BTCV) is running a woodland day at Rolvenden primary school from 10am-4pm. During the day there will be activities for all the family to join, ranging from survival skills, den-building, nature trails, crafts, conservation and creative skills to having a go at tree-measuring, making a bird house, willow-making and much more.

Refreshments and food will be available, including real ales from the local Old Dairy Brewery.

The BTCV supports more than 628,000 people working on more than 29,000 projects each year to improve the environment. Tickets for the woodland day out are £5 per family, including all activities.



## New play Jealousy and obsession

### Memorial Theatre, Broadstairs

Sunday, June 5, 2.30pm  
0845 2626263

THE Sarah Thorne adult drama group returns for its second season in Broadstairs, presenting a new script by local playwright Samuel Pearce.

Friendship gone sour is the theme in his play Justice. Disturbed Richard invites his childhood best friend Ben over one evening to reminisce on the past, but what starts as a friendly reunion quickly descends into a tale of obsession, jealousy and tragedy.

Seats are bookable in advance. The 24-hour booking rule applies to non-members of Sarah Thorne, but seats can be reserved by phone or alternatively by email at [info@sarahthorne-theatreclub.co.uk](mailto:info@sarahthorne-theatreclub.co.uk). Tickets cost £7, or £5 for non-members.

## Fuse Festival Street drama and theatre

### Gillingham and Chatham high streets and Rochester Castle Gardens

Friday to Saturday, June 17-19

THE annual celebration of street theatre, the Fuse Festival, will once again explode on to the roads and parks of Medway. As colourful as ever, the festival is now condensed

into one weekend and three locations, giving a huge amount to see and do but staying true to its roots by remaining free to all. Festival chief Dawn Archer said: "This year we've decided to heighten the impact of the action by programming it all into one weekend and three main locations, making it more than ever an event no family should miss."

The festival will begin with an Illumination Parade on Gillingham high street on Friday afternoon led by Medway's much-loved puppets.

On the Saturday, Chatham high street will see a whirling kaleidoscope of street art featuring the work of performers like Dizzy O'Dare, Wet Picnic and Bread & Butter Theatre Co. There will be circus-themed fun running throughout the afternoon. Sunday welcomes the return of a bigger and better Big Tea Party, this year in the beautiful setting of Rochester Castle Gardens. Students from London's Central School Of Speech And Drama will perform their own production of Alice In Wonderland.

## Screen opera Cinderella and a butterfly

### Market Square, Dover

Monday, July 4, and  
Wednesday, July 13  
screening 7.30pm

DOVER people have the chance to see some of the country's best singers on the big screen.

The Royal Opera is transmitting its production of Madam Butterfly on Monday, July 4, and Cinderella on Wednesday, July 13, to a screen in Market Square. Whether you're new to opera or already a devotee, the BP Summer Big Screen is an opportunity to enjoy the best from Covent Garden in a unique setting. The screenings will include exclusive backstage footage, audience interaction and the chance to win tickets to The Royal Ballet's The Nutcracker next season with a night for two at London's May Fair Hotel. Deborah Bull, creative director at the Royal Opera House, said: "These annual screens are a highlight of our performing season – they allow us to reach new audiences across the UK and offer a unique window on our world through live presentation from behind the scenes."



## Seaside jazz Music month in Margate

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[www.margatejazzscene.co.uk](http://www.margatejazzscene.co.uk)

THE Margate Jazz Festival starts at the end of June. Now in its sixth year, the programme grows from strength to strength. Highlights include Sarah Jane Morris, above, at the Winter Gardens, Christine Tobin and Norma Winstone at Westcoast, Tim Whitehead

at Turner Contemporary, Girl Talk at Theatre Royal and a tantalising line-up of free jazz on Sunday, July 3, at the main stage in the Old Town piazza. The festival begins at Westcoast with Margate's Christine Tobin and her quartet on Saturday, June 25, performing a tribute to Carol King. She appears in a double bill with jazz singer Cleveland Watkiss and his quartet. Earlier in the day, Watkiss will lead a vocal workshop with 30 young people from Margate – he will prepare them for a special performance on Friday, July 1, as the warm-up to the Sarah Jane Morris Big Band. Concerts will continue throughout July.





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# EXHIBITIONS & EVENTS

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## Longest day Gardening talk and tea

**Sissinghurst Castle**  
Tuesday, June 21, 6.30pm  
01580 710700  
[www.nationaltrust.or.uk](http://www.nationaltrust.or.uk)

SISSINGHURST Castle is the ruins of a 16th-century Elizabethan house, but it is its gardens and woodland areas that attract visitors. And the gardens will feature in an upcoming event at which visitors are invited to supper at the castle, with a talk from head gardener Alexi Datta. Both history and gardening fans are invited to tour the castle grounds, woods, streams and farmland with its views of the countryside. The event takes place on the longest day of the year and is followed by a two-course meal in the Granary restaurant and a question-and-answer session. A seat will cost National Trust members £36 and non-members £46.



## Jazz concert Trudy Kerr joins the club

**Folkestone Jazz Club, Tower Theatre**  
Thursday, June 16, 8.30pm  
01303 277175

AUSTRALIAN jazz singer Trudy Kerr is bringing her all star trio to Folkestone. Kerr is from the east coast of Australia, where she and her good friend Ingrid James made a big name for themselves in the jazz clubs of Brisbane, the Gold Coast and Sydney. Hailed as "one of the country's most polished singers" by The Times, Kerr moved to London

in 1990 and, while continuing to gig regularly, worked during the day as secretary for clarinettist Acker Bilk. She took time out to study jazz at the Guildhall School of Music and in 1995 got her career break when Ronnie Scott offered her a week at his club. She has performed regularly at the famous Soho jazzerie ever since. She is also a jazz tutor and co-director of a record company. She has just made her ninth album. Her trio comprises Robin Aspland, one of the UK's top jazz pianists, who has accompanied such singers as Dame Cleo Laine; Geoff Gascoyne on double bass; and drummer Sebastiaan de Krom. The Folkestone show starts at 8.30pm and tickets are priced at £10.

## Tribute band Pink Floyd perfection

**Hazlitt Theatre, Maidstone**  
Sunday, June 12  
Phone 01622 758611  
[www.hazlittartscentre.co.uk](http://www.hazlittartscentre.co.uk)

PINK Floyd tribute band Perfect Alibi have been in existence for more than 20 years. Initially performing as a covers band in pubs and clubs across southern England

playing music by progressive rock bands of the 1970s and 80s such as Genesis, Yes, Pink Floyd and Marillion, in 1999 they were asked to perform a Pink Floyd-only show... and the rest is history. After a brief hiatus to find a new frontman, Alan Robertson, the band are back on the road again and looking forward to a busy year. Robertson, who hails from Scotland, has settled on the south coast and become an integral member of the band. Perfect Alibi have a dedicated following and no fewer than five headlining appearances at

the prestigious Southampton Guildhall under their belt. They are now looking to build their reputation among a wider audience. The band say they are dedicated to create the ultimate musical and visual Floyd experience; featuring the outstanding Dave Blake on lead guitar, they perform a selection of more than 50 tracks, from the second album A Saucerful Of Secrets through to their last studio album The Division Bell. There will be a large light show, lasers and projections. Tickets £15, concessions £13.



## Art exhibition Woods for the trees

**Ashford town centre**  
Throughout June and July  
[www.cathystreeter.co.uk/revealingashford.html](http://www.cathystreeter.co.uk/revealingashford.html)

A NEW community art-installation welcomes the woodland to the streets. In a project that will grow over the next few months as part of the Revealing Ashford arts festival, drawings and prints of trees have been appearing in locations around the town. Ashford was historically known as Essetesford, which is believed to mean "ash trees growing near a ford". To celebrate the town's leafy roots, the arts project Can't See The Woods For The Trees, run by local artist Cathy Streeter, will see woodland repopulating the town through the creativity of local residents and businesses. You can create your own tree by visiting Streeter's website and downloading a tree silhouette, along with tips on how to create your own tree display. Other ways to get involved include a drop-in workshop at County Square shopping centre lower mall on Saturday, June 11, from 10am-4pm and visiting The Art Room Gallery's tree-themed exhibition from Thursday, June 21.



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# FILMS

## OUR TOP FIVE

**1 Win win (15)** Mike Flaherty (Paul Giamatti) is struggling to survive in the harsh economic climate. He thinks his prayers have been answered when he agrees to act as legal guardian to elderly client Leo (Burt Young), who has early Alzheimer's - a role which brings in a monthly stipend of 1,500 dollars. Matters become complicated when Leo's grandson Kyle (Alex Shaffer) turns up, having run away.

**2 Pirates of the Caribbean: On Stranger Tides (12A)** Johnny Depp hoists the mainsail once again. This time, Jack Sparrow joins forces with Barbossa (Geoffrey Rush) to locate the Fountain Of Youth. The quest becomes infinitely more perilous when Jack is forced aboard the Queen Anne's Revenge captained by legendary pirate Blackbeard (Ian McShane). Look out for Keith Richards!

**3 Attack The Block (15)** Trainee nurse Sam (Jodie Whittaker) is mugged on her way home by wayward lads Moses (John Boyega), Pest (Alex Esmail) and Dennis (Franz Drameh). The assault is cut short by a meteor shower and when the youths investigate, they come face to snout with a creature from another world. A second downpour of meteors heralds more creatures and the lads grab their weapons...

**4 The Way (12A)** Tom (Martin Sheen) is an American optometrist whose round of golf with his country-club chums is ruined by news that his son Daniel (Emilio Estevez) has been killed in the Pyrenees. The medic flies to France and discovers that Daniel died on the El Camino de Santiago, an 800-kilometre spiritual pilgrimage. Tom grabs his son's backpack and decides to complete the pilgrimage.

**5 Priest 3D (12A)** War has raged for centuries between man and vampires, and humanity now resides in carefully-patrolled enclaves. Priest (Paul Bettany), a soldier of the Church trained in the art of killing vampires, lives in peace and obscurity until his beloved niece Lucy (Lily Collins) is abducted by a pack of vampires. Priest breaks his sacred vows and embarks on a crusade to rescue the girl. Plenty of action ensues.

## NEW RELEASES



### Diary Of A Wimpy Kid 2: Rodrick Rules U, 99 mins

BLOOD may be thicker than water, but it can be spilt just as easily and that's certainly true in Diary Of A Wimpy Kid 2: Rodrick Rules, which is based on Jeff Kinney's best-seller. David Bowers's sequel continues the trials of wise-cracking tyke Greg Heffley, who first exploded to life in a series of online cartoons. Exploiting his readers' nostalgia for school days and the innocence of childhood, Kinney sold more than one million copies of his first novel and has thus far sold 43 million copies of his five-book series, which unfolds through the eyes of a pre-teen narrator with delusions of greatness. Released in summer

2010, the film version of Diary Of A Wimpy Kid lost some of the wit and edginess of the books yet still struck a chord with audiences despite an unsympathetic and selfish lead character. Thankfully, Bowers's film presents us with a far more endearing hero. Sibling rivalry underpins the first hour before a contrived sequence that forces the brothers to fib for each other and ultimately lays the foundations for a lasting friendship. Honesty is never the best policy. Seventh-grader Greg Heffley (Zachary Gordon) thinks all of his problems are solved now he has moved up a year at Westmore Middle School.

Alas, insults in the corridor are nothing compared with the bullying he suffers at home from older brother Rodrick (Devon Bostick). "Having a brother is one of the most important relationships you will ever have in your life," declares the boys' mother Susan (Rachael Harris), who writes a parenting column for the local newspaper. To the despair of her husband Frank (Steve Zahn), Susan concocts a hare-brained scheme to force Greg and Rodrick to spend some quality time together. Meanwhile at school, Greg tries to catch the eye of pretty classmate Holly Hills (Peyton List) while embarking on misadventures

with long-suffering pal Rowley (Robert Capron) and classmates Fregley (Grayson Russell) and Chirag Gupta (Karan Brar). But for family entertainment, this isn't at all bad. For starters, it has Steve Zahn and Rachael Harris as the firm-but-fair parents, even if the former isn't given quite enough to do and is pretty much underused. More importantly, it has the moon-faced, ginger-haired Robert Capron as Gordon's best friend, a kid so sweetly innocent that he will gaze at the new hot girl in school and say "She's almost as pretty as my mom" - a line that has proved extremely popular with audiences in the US.

### The Hangover Part II

15, 101 mins

TODD Phillips's original movie was the highest-grossing comedy film of 2009, and this is a 101-minute alcohol-and-drug-fuelled bender that strands the same beleaguered characters in the same hellish nightmare and watches them squirm. The location has changed from Las Vegas to Thailand, but The Hangover Part II rests lazily on its mouldering laurels, engineering familiar scenarios to inflict the maximum distress on two-dimensional characters. The sequel curbs a few excesses - less plot, fewer

laughs, less fun - and merrily chugs down a cocktail of racist, sexist and homophobic jibes that leave a nasty taste in the mouth. Phillips's film is crass and offensive and doesn't paint Thailand or its people in a particularly favourable light, trading on stereotypes for the sake of a snigger and it manages to offend just about anyone who is portrayed on screen - but that probably won't worry its audience. The Hangover Part II is a tasteless, preposterous and ultimately pointless tale of East meets West which careers from one improbable set-piece to the next, including the concealment of a dead body and a high-speed car chase. It's supposed to be harmless fun but it is actually really annoying.



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# New gastro pub does like to be beside the seaside

**T**HE Hoy on Margate's seafront had been closed for 14 years before April, so it might have seemed a risk for a pub and hotel chain to invest more than £1,000,000 in refurbishing it. However, with the

opening of the nearby Turner Contemporary gallery and the long-hoped-for resurgence of the town, Thorley Taverns expects its latest venture will prove an attractive new addition to the Margate's restaurant scene.

Known as the Benjamin Beale when it closed, the pub has been totally refurbished and now sports a bright modern interior.

Co-manager Jamie Porter said: "It was actually called The Hoy before that, so it is reverting to its original name. It's really a gastro pub and different from most of our other sites."

Good food is certainly the main inspiration behind the new project.

Head chef Thom Sommers has been given a free hand to create an interesting and varied menu. The ingredients are all sourced from local producers and, appropriately for a seaside location, fish is a major part of what's on offer.

"It has been a baptism of fire," said Thom. "We had a tight deadline and we only got into the kitchen a few days before we were due to open."

"It was a real push, but it was a good push. It helped us as a team bond together. Luckily, it went really well. We opened in time with the

After 14 years lying derelict, a Margate pub has risen again as The Hoy. **Ed Hill** savours its new incarnation

### ECONOMIES OF SCALE:

The Hoy's head chef, Jamie Porter, above, serves some fish with which not many people are familiar, such as grey mullet

Turner [Contemporary] and we were packed."

Diners can enjoy many classic fish dishes such as scallops and mussels, but the chef is also keen to offer a less well-known local catch.

He said: "I want to serve fish that people are not usually used to eating, like grey mullet or huss [dogfish]. I have found that it has been flying out of the kitchen. These fish have far more flavour than cod and we can get them cheap because they are caught locally."

"At this time of year there is loads of huss around and the fishermen are glad to sell it. If we buy it and serve it, then it is helping them and local fishmongers as well."

"With the grey mullet we can treat it in the same way as sea bass. You can bake it whole, pan-fry it, serve it in a nice risotto with pancetta..."

"As a combined dish, it works out much cheaper than bass. Grey mullet is around half the price, so that means I can price it lower for our customers."

Fortunately, visitors are also willing to be more adventurous in their choices.

Thom said: "People are keen to try different things these days. Mackerel is a cheap,

sustainable dish and a lot of people will order it. A few years ago it would have been seen as a cheap oily fish, but actually it has great flavour and a nice texture."

The same attention is paid to the rest of the menu. Beef comes from local herds and is hung for 28 days, while Kent lamb is served on the menu.

"We try to keep things as freshly prepared here as possible and that includes things like our relishes and chutneys. All of these are made here in the kitchen and that includes our ice cream," said Thom.

With its location, The Hoy should be able to take advantage of visitors coming to Margate.

Close to the Old Town and the Turner Contemporary, it also attracts people making their way to the Winter Gardens, while real-ale fans can enjoy guest beer from local brewers. There are special offers on selected wines and at the moment a friend can dine for free on a Monday.

Judging by the dishes I tasted, like the sailors who crewed the hoy boats after which the pub is named, many people will be navigating their way to this venue.

### Farmers' markets

#### Bromley

SITUATED in the busy pedestrian area of Bromley high street between the Churchill Theatre and Elmfield Road, this popular farmers' market is combined with an arts and craft market and is open every Friday and Saturday from 9am-5pm.

#### Cliftonville

CLIFTONVILLE farmers' market was established in 2001 by the Cliftonville Residents' Association. It is run entirely by volunteers. Since then it has been voted three times (2006-2009) Best Farmers' Market In Kent. It is held on the Eastern Esplanade on the last Sunday of the month.

#### Capel-le-Ferne

CAPEL-LE-FERNE market is held every Tuesday in the village hall. Run by three voluntary members of the main committee, the market is a non-profit-making charity and every penny goes back into the maintenance of the village hall.

#### Challock

HELD in the Memorial Hall, Challock farmers' market is open from 1pm to 4pm on the first and third Fridays of every month. It offers a selection of locally-produced fruit and vegetables, eggs, cheese, fish, bread, cakes and pies, honey, meats and jams.

#### Egerton

EGERTON farmers' market has now been trading every Friday from 2pm to 4.30pm for almost five years, with most of the original stall-holders still at the market, which is held in the Millennium Hall and offers local produce including meat, fruit and vegetables.

#### Rolvenden

ROLVENDEN farmers' market was established in 2000. It is run entirely by volunteers. It takes place every Thursday morning from 10am to midday in the new village hall and St Mary's Church opposite. There are usually between 20 and 30 stalls.

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■ The stylish Canterbury design from Moben Kitchens, starting from £6,000

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**T**HE kitchen is a vital part of the home and as well as being the place for cooking and preparation of food it can also be a location where the family gets together to eat meals.

So a warm and welcoming ambience is vital so that meals can be enjoyed and the room becomes something more than just functional.

With the right sort of lighting and stylish appliances, it can also put thousands of pounds on to the value of a home.

Terry Watson, kitchen planning expert for Moben Kitchens, which has branches in Maidstone, Sevenoaks, Bromley and Tunbridge Wells, explains the possible layouts of kitchens, and which design could be best for you.

He said: "When thinking of investing in a new kitchen, it really is worth doing your research: choosing a kitchen is not purely down to the way it looks in your home, though that is obviously important, but how it works on a practical level, too.

"When you see a kitchen you like, you need to consider how the layout would suit your home.



■ The Ripple design from Moben Kitchens, starting from £6,000



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“If, for example, you only have a small space you could consider a galley or straight-line design. But if you have an open-plan kitchen/diner, then why not really show it off with a stunning island layout?”

■ **Galley kitchen:** “These are super-efficient. Place your sink and stove on one side, and the fridge on the other – this way you’ll have plenty of moveability when preparing food.”

■ **L-shaped kitchen:** “The L-shaped kitchen can be a lot easier to work in than the galley kitchen, with appliances located centrally and plenty of counter space each side. Positioning some bar stools at one end of the L makes a great surface for family and friends to gather.”

■ **U-shaped kitchen:** “This really does need a lot of space to be successful. This kitchen is fantastic for maximizing space and storage.”

“If you start with a U-shaped kitchen, this

can be changed to an L shape by removing the units and altering the position of the three main points of focus – the sink, the cooker and the fridge-freezer. In doing so, it is possible to construct a place for dining within the kitchen quite easily.”

“A common problem to both the L-shaped and U-shaped kitchen is the corner. If not designed cleverly, the cabinets here can be inaccessible and the contents hard to reach. Luckily, kitchen specialists such as Moben are experts in this and have many design tricks, such as the Le Mans corner storage to counteract this.”

■ **Island:** “The island kitchen is undoubtedly the most sociable and convenient of all layouts – with a space for everyone to gather and for the chef to entertain, without compromising on room for storage. The ease of cooking in this design is that you can have a sink or a stove in-



■ The Ellipse from Moben Kitchens, starting at £6,000

stalled in the island, leaving hordes of room for food preparation and getting everyone involved with the cooking.”

“For a functional kitchen area within an open-plan scheme, you need to allow plenty of space to manoeuvre, so ideally you need to leave a minimum of 120cm between runs of units or between units and a central island.”

“Moben’s designers have been fully trained and have many years’ experience, which is a huge benefit with such an important purchase. They talk to homeowners about how they use their kitchen and discuss any special requests, so that the best options can be considered. In

addition, they will project-manage the entire job, helping people coordinate every aspect of the kitchen and providing reassurance that the various elements will work well together to achieve their desired look.”

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The house was built in 1935 and has since been extended several times to provide an exceptionally well-presented family home. There is the potential to extend further, subject to the usual planning consents. An inspection of the house and garden is recommended to fully appreciate the appeal of the property.

The accommodation comprises a porch with double doors with glazed panels, outside light with PIR sensor and quarry-tiled floor.

An oak inner door with leaded-glass centre

panel leads into the entrance hall, which has a side window and stairs leading to a galleried first-floor landing with two understairs cupboards.

The sitting room is an L-shaped room with windows to the front and rear, with further sliding patio doors to a conservatory. Features include a stone fireplace with gas coal-effect fire.

The conservatory is in a Victorian style with polycarbonate triple-glazed roof and ceramic tiled floor.

The window of the dining room overlooks the front garden, and the kitchen/breakfast room is fitted with a range of oak-fronted wall, base and drawer units with matching work surfaces.

Appliances include a Franke stainless steel double-bowl sink unit with mixer tap and Bosch fan-assisted double oven.

The galleried first-floor landing has access to to loft space and there are three well-appointed bedrooms, one with en-suite. There is also a family bathroom.

An impressive gravel driveway with brick pillar entrance posts and parking for two or three cars leads to an attached single garage with up-and-over door, internal light and power and personal door to the rear garden.

The front garden has been attractively landscaped with a low-level brick wall and border hedging. There are well-stocked shrub and herbaceous beds with specimen planting. A wrought-iron gate leads to the side and rear garden.



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The garden is enclosed by laurel, holly and beech hedging, with gated access to the playing fields at the rear. There is additional outside security lighting and a water butt.

Orchard Lea is in a highly-sought-after private cul-de-sac on the Tunbridge Wells/Southborough border, within easy walking distance of High Brooms railway station, which offers services to London and the south coast via Tonbridge.

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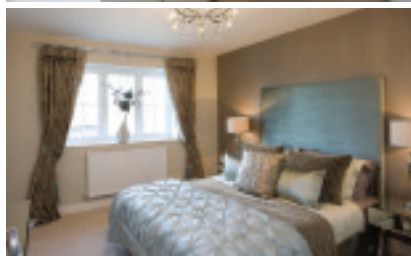
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## i20 makes big impression

By Sam Davison

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IS THERE still room in the motoring market for conventional three-door small cars?

I'm not talking about Minis or Fiat 500s or racy three-door spin-offs such as the Seat Ibiza SportCoupé, catering for the style conscious.

No, my target is the typical small hatch that looks much the same in three or five-door format, except that deleting two rear doors saves £350 to £750, but adds more inconvenience.

Some carmakers clearly don't rate them: Skoda shuns offering a three-door Fabia; Honda doesn't bother in the case of the rival Jazz; and you can't have a three-door Fiat Panda or Kia Picanto.

Ambitious Korean brand Hyundai does not offer a three-door version of its i10 city car either but, perversely, sells a three-door Hyundai i20 (from £9,745) that is a shadow of its five-door self.

Despite a high-sill rakish rear window, the car cannot escape the shadow of its more practical sister and the front seat fold/slide mechanism allowing access to the rear is clumsy and irritating to use and needs resetting each time.

Would-be buyers with babies or small children to strap in are better off paying around £450 for extra doors.

Once in the back though space is generous, if claustrophobic due to those windows, but then you struggle to get out.

However, the i20 range overall is impressive, underlining Hyundai's efforts to be taken more seriously; it is now the world's fifth biggest carmaker and the new generation 'i' series has proved a winner while the brand's traditional strengths of keen prices and universal five-year warranty reassure UK consumers as they check finances more closely.

The i20 was launched in 2009, after being

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But the three-door Hyundai i20 is still living in the shadow of its five-door sister, which only costs an extra £450

designed in and for Europe (in Germany), but is built in India to keep costs down.

Longer and wider than its big-selling predecessor, the Getz – a real game-changer for the Korean brand on the UK market – it has a distinctive style to it, feels roomier and better arranged, while boot space bears comparison with some cars from the class above.

And it is packed with value: every i20 comes with a full complement of airbags, air con and glove box cooler, electric front windows plus fully adjustable wheel and driver's seat.

The chassis set-up is also a crowd pleaser, striking a good balance between comfort and sporty, though falling short of the driver feedback of sophisticated rivals like the latest Ford Fiesta and VW Polo.

And the interior is robust with nice touches such as chrome door handles, but even lively upholstery in our mid-range Comfort trim test car (from £10,595) failed to lift the slightly dull atmosphere, though you do get a full USB link

for your MP3 player/iPod at this level.

There are three engine options, but I immediately discount the 75bhp 1.4-litre diesel tested here; with lots of low down power, you need to be careful not to make the front wheels scabble under initial acceleration in wet conditions, yet it runs out of puff later and generally feels unrefined, heavy and lumpy in such a small car.

It also adds £650 to the price of the equivalent 99bhp 1.4-litre petrol, but I reckon the 77bhp 1.2 petrol entry-level powertrain is the best buy of all.

The 1.4 petrol costs from £600 more yet brings little extra urge for the higher fuel consumption and emissions.

The smaller unit also has a crisper gearbox and feels nimbler to drive.

Such appeal at the lower end of a well-specified range, makes the i20 an irresistible bargain even without that famous five-year unlimited mileage warranty.

## First GEAR

## MOTORING NEWS



## Tourer enters Zafira line-up

VAUXHALL has confirmed the silky Zafira Tourer concept, previewed at this year's Geneva Motor Show, will become a production reality – the first cars will be in UK showrooms by early 2012.

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## TOURING CARS

WITH TIM HARVEY



Touring car legend Tim Harvey has teamed up with Archant KOS Media this season to bring you a weekly column as the class of 2011 do battle up and down the country. Harvey, who was brought up in Sevenoaks and schooled in Tonbridge, more recently raced in the Porsche Carrera Cup for Wrotham team Motorbase Performance. He shares his thoughts, as an ITV commentator, on the British Touring Car Championship, and discusses the series' big issues.

## 'We're all ready for BTCC return'

IT'S been five long weeks since our last taste of the British Touring Car Championship (BTCC) at Thruxton, so we can't wait to get going again at Oulton Park this weekend.

I may no longer be driving in the Porsches (see story below), but it still promises to be a hectic weekend for me as I'll be back in the commentary box for the BTCC action on Sunday. After quite a long lay-off, the drivers will be absolutely gagging to get back in the race car. It's what we all love to do, as drivers, and given the opportunity we'd be out there as often as possible.

We had some good news last week when ITV revealed their viewing figures for the BTCC have increased by almost 35 per cent from this point last season. The TV guys all work very hard and it's a very slick production, you know you're going to get a good afternoon's entertainment. It's good for our credibility if we can pat ourselves on the back, but I always say that my job as a commentator is one of the easiest jobs in the world because it's action-packed, there's always something to talk about and it's no surprise that it makes for good entertainment. It's the unpredictability people like more than anything. You're guaranteed to see overtaking because touring cars do not follow the tried and trusted system of always having the fastest car at the front of the grid.

The organisers of the BTCC, TOCA, have been discussing a slight reduction in the maximum turbo boost ahead of Oulton Park. If that comes in, we'll see how much of an effect it really has, but I'd expect the usual players to be up the front, the likes of the Hondas and the Airwaves Racing Ford Focuses. I don't think even TOCA could tell you how the potential turbo reduction would affect lap times, but you would expect it to help some teams be more competitive.

Another Kent driver, Tony Gilham, is now well into his debut season as a touring car driver. He's a really hard charger, he knows front-wheel drive cars very well and he's in a good car at a very good team. He really gives it 100 per cent, but his biggest problem is that he literally goes from race to race looking for sponsorship, which is never good for your frame of mind. As a racing driver, all you want to be concentrating on is your racing. I admire the effort he puts in, it shows how keen people are to be a part of this series and I hope he starts to get the results to reward all his effort.

## TOURING CARS

# New rules a major challenge to Jackson's hopes at Oulton Park

By Steve Tervet

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**MOTORBASE** Performance head north for the resumption of the British Touring Car Championship (BTCC) this weekend with some trepidation, following the latest rule changes by series organisers, TOCA.

The Wrotham-based team, competing as Airwaves Racing in the BTCC, travel to Oulton Park with their place at the top of the independent teams' championship under threat. TOCA have announced weight reductions for the normally-aspirated Chevrolet and BMW cars, potentially negating the advantage which could be gained by the turbo-charged Airwaves Ford Focuses.

Oly Collins, the Airwaves team manager, is confident Mat Jackson and Liam Griffin's cars will be thoroughly prepared after a five-week championship hiatus, but admits the weight issue is a concern.

He said: "The team has been working very hard during this break to try to move the Focus on some more and we all feel confident going into Oulton Park. Both Mat and Liam tested



Picture: NICK DUNGAN

**ANXIOUS:**

Mat Jackson's BTCC title bid could be damaged by the latest rule changes, brought in for Oulton Park this weekend

well there in pre-season and I think the cars are slightly more suited to this layout than they were for Thruxton.

"It will be hard on brakes, especially with the turbo cars, which we'll have to keep an eye on it. The regulation changes will help our normally-aspirated rivals and should see them gain some more speed. This seems a little strange as a

normally aspirated Chevy with [Jason] Plato has won more races than anyone else, including the last race."

Jackson sits second in the overall drivers' championship going into the weekend, having secured three top-six finishes at Thruxton, including his fourth podium of the season. Sitting 12 points behind leader Matt Neal, he knows

three more strong races could see him close the gap further.

"Oulton Park is one of my favourite circuits," he said. "We'll try to extract a little more from the car, which I think is essential since the latest TOCA rule change will see Plato's car 62kg lighter than us, which around Oulton Park will really hurt us due to the rollercoaster nature of the circuit."

## CARRERA CUP

## Harvey makes shock decision to pull out of Carrera Cup over weight issue

A FRUSTRATING season came to a premature end for Tim Harvey this week as the reigning Porsche Carrera Cup GB champion announced he was walking away from this season's championship.

The 49-year-old is the most successful driver in Carrera Cup history and had returned to Wrotham-based Motorbase Performance with the intention of winning a third title.

However, revised regulations regarding weight restrictions left the Archant KOS Media columnist facing an increasingly uphill struggle, and after three disappointing race meetings, he decided enough was enough.

He said: "I've seen enough already to know the situation regarding weight restrictions isn't going to change this season and I felt it was better to step away from the controversy.

"I love Porsche racing and I had high hopes for another

**EXIT:** Tim Harvey's Porsche Carrera Cup GB season is over

successful season with the Motorbase team, but I won't race with one arm behind my back. It's always been a fair, equal championship until this year and it was still a difficult decision to walk away, but I race to be competitive and to

have a chance of winning and I couldn't do that."

Kieran Vernon, a Porsche scholarship winner, will fill in for the remaining races, while Harvey will return for a one-off appearance at the Carrera World Cup on June 25.

**FOCUSED:** Jake Hill races in the G50 class

## GINETTA SUPERCUP

## No distractions as Hill heads north

JAKE Hill heads to Oulton Park for the fourth leg of the Ginetta GT Supercup this weekend with no budget worries to throw him off course at the Cheshire circuit.

The 17-year-old, from Goudhurst, struggled to secure the funding needed to keep him in the car for the first three rounds of the series, but can now focus solely on climbing the standings.

Hill, driving for Optimum Motorsport, lies fourth in the G50 class ahead of the Oulton trip. "I can't wait to get back in the car," he said. "It's so nice to have the budget sorted a week before the race this time because I can just concentrate on my driving.

"I love Oulton, it's got everything; fast corners, slow corners, a hairpin, it's up through the hills and the atmosphere's always good there."

RUGBY

# Dankert still hungry for success after two decades of Kent rugby triumphs

By Steve Tervet

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AS SPORTING imports go, few individuals can have made a greater impact on the Kent rugby scene than Tonbridge Juddians head coach Peter Dankert.

The 47-year-old Australian has taken plenty of plaudits for dragging TJs from London 4 South East into the National Leagues in the space of three seasons, but his sphere of influence spreads well beyond the confines of The Slade.

Even before he arrived in Tonbridge, winning promotion was almost second nature to Dankert, who served as forwards coach under Danny Vaughan when Blackheath reached National 1. He occupied the same role as Westcombe Park were promoted from the old London 1, now National 3, and emulated that at Canterbury in 2005/06.

Dankert admitted each job had presented its own challenges, but said there were parallels to draw from each of his successes.

"I think the approach is the same every time but you make changes depending which level you're at," he said. "National League rugby is faster-paced, with bigger impacts, whereas at a lower level you're dealing with different things like the standard of refereeing and the ability of players to turn up on a regular basis.

"The game has changed a lot. It used to be a lot more forward-orientated, but it's now progressed and the skill level is now better. There has been an influence from Super League with regard to the size of the players, and everybody now appreciates it's a 15-man game."

## NEW FACES AT THE SLADE

TONBRIDGE Juddians have already begun strengthening their squad as they gear up for life in National 3 London & South East next season.

Head coach Peter Dankert said there would be at least two new faces in the forward division at The Slade next season, but remained tight-lipped as to who he had ticked off his list of transfer targets.

TJs are flying on the back of three successive promotions, but are expecting a far bumpier ride in the National Leagues, with bigger players and harder impacts set to test their physical qualities.

"We're making some signings, we're recruiting to strengthen the squad," Dankert said. "Some of them contacted us and we targeted a few players we wanted to add to the squad.

"We've been lucky with injuries in the three years I've been at the club, but we've made a couple of signings in the front-row, to add a bit of strength in depth.

TJs' players will report back for pre-season training on July 5.

Dankert could so easily have found himself in the world of rugby league coaching.

He played both codes of rugby as a youngster in Australia, starting his union affiliation with Eastern Suburbs, where he remained until moving to the UK in 1990.



**WINNER:** Peter Dankert (centre, next to number 11) has tasted promotion with four clubs in Kent

"It's normal to play both over there and then when your body gives in, you choose to play just one," he explained. "It's slightly different in Australia because you only play for one club, so I stayed with them from colts into senior rugby."

Initially in the UK on a one-year working holiday, Dankert met his future wife and decided to make his stay permanent. A one-season spell as player-coach at Tunbridge Wells preceded a move to Maidstone, after which he commenced his trophy-winning tour of the south-east.

So, to the man whose medal collection rivals anything you're likely to find within the county boundaries, how do TJs compare?

"I can honestly say TJs is the best-run club I've ever been at," Dankert said. "They have a fantastic junior set-up and a common goal. Everyone is targeted towards creating a club that everyone in the area can be proud of.

"I've built up the number of players that trust my judgement, which has meant I can bring in players like Christophe Blom and Pat Sykes."

ATHLETICS

## Tonbridge finest flat out as summer of competition begins to intensify

A HECTIC summer of competition for Tonbridge Athletic Club continues on Sunday as they host the latest round of the UK Young Athletes League.

In opponents Enfield & Haringey, Tonbridge face last year's national champions, but team manager Mark Hookway is confident in the ability of his 70-strong team to walk away with a decent number of event wins.

There were two particularly notable performances by Tonbridge athletes at last weekend's National Junior League meeting.

Ed Hall ran the 400 metres in 49.81 seconds despite having to battle a strong wind, while under-17 hammer thrower Tom Parker broke the club's record at under-20 level with a throw of 56.87 metres, ranking him inside the UK's top-15.

Hookway was pleased by their achievements, but admitted the competition was some way down the pecking order with so many other commitments vying for the



**BUSY:** Tonbridge Athletic Club hosts the UK Young Athletes League on Sunday

attentions of his burgeoning Tonbridge athletes.

"There are so many leagues for the club that we use this one as a rather lower priority," he said.

"Those age groups [under-17 and under-20] also compete in the Southern League and the under-

17s compete in the UK Young Athletes League Premier Division. Sometimes they fall on the same weekend so we had to prioritise."

Beyond this weekend, Tonbridge's top young athletes turn their focus to the Kent Schools Championships on June 11.

RUGBY

## Oaks old boy lifts Premiership crown

FORMER Sevenoaks wing James Short took centre stage at Twickenham last weekend as he scored the try which fired Saracens to victory in the Premiership final against Leicester Tigers.

Short, 21, crashed over in the first-half to lay the foundations for Sarries' first-ever title in front of a sell-out crowd at the home of English rugby.

Having left Knole Paddock aged 16, Short progressed through the Saracens Academy and this season has been a true breakthrough campaign with the Londoners, where he finished the season as their top try-scorer.

Meanwhile, Sevenoaks are looking for a new overseas player to help coach the club's youngsters and strengthen the playing squad next season. The po-



**EX-OAK:** James Short scored winning try

sition is not paid, although the club will assist in finding a job and accommodation. Anyone interested should contact chairman Lee Adamson on 07949 027103 or via [lee7oaks@hotmail.com](mailto:lee7oaks@hotmail.com).

GYMNASTICS

## Key move edging closer for gymnasts

THE Weald of Kent Gymnastics Club are a step closer to securing larger premises after their request for planning permission was granted by Tonbridge council.

Operating out of the tiny East Peckham sports hall, the club have ear-marked two industrial units in Tonbridge, in order to meet the demand for

gymnastics across west Kent.

Head coach, Jacky Leman, said: "The club is delighted that Tonbridge council has granted planning permission for use of units 18 and 19 on Sovereign Way, to become a fully-fitted Olympic-style gymnasium. We are all very excited and we desperately want to move into a bigger gym."



CRICKET



NEW BOY: Charl Langeveldt is set to make his Kent debut in the Friends Life t20 at The Nevill Ground, where Leicestershire were beaten on Wednesday



# Overseas arrival boosts Kent for start of t20 season at The Nevill

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THE NEVILL is primed to stage the start of the Kent Spitfires' Friends Life t20 campaign with two games against last year's finalists.

The Spitfires are expecting a bumper crowd as they begin this year's t20 on Friday night against the Somerset Sabres (5.30pm start), before defending champions, the Hampshire Hawks, visit the picturesque Tunbridge Wells ground on Sunday afternoon (3pm start).

The two games will bring an end to another successful Tunbridge Wells Festival, which began with a five-wicket win for Kent in their LV= County Championship clash with Leicestershire - the county's first win in the championship since the opening fixture of the season against Essex.

The Spitfires go into the 20-over competition bolstered by the signing of overseas bowler Charl

Langeveldt. The South African signed earlier this week and is expected to arrive in time to play on Friday against Somerset.

The 36-year-old has just completed a stint with the Royal Bangalore Challengers in the Indian Premier League and has a wealth of experience, appearing in six Test matches and 72 One-Day Internationals for South Africa.

The signing comes at a time when Kent are close to naming a full strength side for the first time this season, with Simon Cook expected to be available for the start of the t20 series and fellow seamer Robbie Joseph returning to the side this week after a spell on the sidelines with a quad strain.

Langeveldt's arrival, along with the return of several injured players in time for the start of this year's t20 has given Kent's director of cricket, Paul Farbrace, cause for optimism.

"I think we have the makings of a decent side

and I think we have genuinely got to believe that we can go and beat anyone on our day," he said.

"With people like Darren Stevens, Rob Key, Martin van Jaarsveld and Joe Denly, they are players that can turn games, and in those four we have some high-quality batting and there's no reason why we can't be winning t20 games.

"Starting against the two best teams in the competition last year is the best way to start because you know you have to play well. The boys will be up for it; they absolutely love t20. In some ways it's a bit of a break from championship cricket. At the moment that form of the game is blooming difficult for us, so t20 will give us a new lease of life, it's a new competition and it will feel like the pressure's off a bit. We have nothing to lose and everything to gain as there won't be too many people putting money on us at this stage, but I genuinely believe we are capable of putting in some decent performances."

CRICKET

## Pearson keen to exploit Lords' inexperience as Premier Division race continues to intrigue

SEVENOAKS Vine have a chance to close the gap to the leading sides in the Kent League Premier Division as they travel to face second-placed Lordswood.

The Medway side finished in the drop zone last season but were reprieved from relegation when St Lawrence & Highland Court were demoted for failing to renew their Clubmark status.

Vine skipper Karl Pearson led his side to a five-wicket win at Sibton Park last weekend and urged them to push into the top-half of the table with a repeat display on Saturday.

He said: "Lordswood are quite a young side, with an inexperienced captain, so we're hoping to take



CHANCE: The Vine go to Lordswood advantage of that. They're second in the table but they're only one win away from us.

"The league appears to be more competitive than normal this year and there might be a couple of sides in the shake-up who aren't normally there. We hope to be one of them."

Meanwhile, fifth-placed Tunbridge Wells are still searching for their first away win of the season as they head to champions Bromley on Saturday.

Last weekend saw the Wells slump to a six-wicket defeat at the hands of Hartley Country Club, who chased down their victory target of 242 with 14 overs to spare.

For the visitors, Chris Williams (71) scored his third straight league half-century, taking him to 209 runs this season at an average of 104.5.

CRICKET

## City club set to provide a stern test for inconsistent Tenterden

TENTERDEN welcome Division One leaders Canterbury to Morghew Park on Saturday knowing their season has yet to catch light and eager to improve on their tepid display at Beckenham last weekend.

Skipper Andrew Crawford hit 84 but only Kyle McAlister (53) provided any real support with the bat as Tenterden were bowled out for 192. Beckenham knocked off the runs inside 43 overs to win by six wickets.

In Division Two, Holmesdale sit rock-bottom ahead of their trip to third-placed Upchurch. The Sevenoaks side did at least stop their run of defeats last weekend as they held on for a losing draw against Orpington.

Linden Park, victors over Catford



FOCUS: Tenterden take on Canterbury Wanderers by 84 runs last weekend, could go top of Division Three by beating leaders Bromley Common. Unbeaten Cowdrey go to Chislehurst & West Kent in Division Five.

### KENT CRICKET LEAGUES

#### PREMIER DIVISION

	P	W	WD	BatP	BowlP	Pts
Blackheath	4	3	0	0	4	64
Lordswood	4	3	0	4	2	62
Bexley	4	1	2	12	9	49
Hartley Country Club	4	1	2	10	9	47
Tunbridge Wells	4	2	0	7	5	44
Bromley	4	2	0	7	1	43
Sevenoaks Vine	4	2	0	2	5	43
Sibton Park	4	1	0	8	4	32
The Mote	4	1	0	4	4	28
Bickley Park	4	0	0	7	14	21

#### DIVISION ONE

Canterbury	4	3	1	4	2	72
Folkestone	4	3	0	1	3	60
Beckenham	4	3	0	2	4	58
Sandwich Town	4	2	1	6	7	55
St Lawrence	4	2	0	4	4	44
Tenterden	4	1	1	7	6	39
Broadstairs	4	1	0	10	6	36
Gore Court	4	1	0	4	8	28
Whitstable	4	0	1	12	10	28
Ashford Town	4	0	0	10	13	23

#### DIVISION TWO

Hythe	4	4	0	0	0	76
Orpington	4	2	1	4	3	59
Upchurch	4	3	0	4	1	57
Harvel	4	2	0	6	6	48
HSBC	4	2	0	7	5	48
Gravesend	4	2	0	6	3	45
Dartford	4	1	0	1	7	33
Catford and Cyphers	4	1	0	9	7	32
Hayes	4	1	0	6	9	31
Holmesdale	4	0	0	13	9	22

#### DIVISION THREE

Bromley Common	4	3	1	4	4	62
Addington Village	4	2	1	8	4	54
Linden Park	4	1	1	5	5	52
Catford Wanderers	4	2	0	6	3	49
High Halstow	4	2	0	2	5	43
Sidcup	4	2	0	4	3	39
Old Coteians	4	1	0	9	9	38
Old Wilsonians	4	1	0	5	12	37
Old Elthamians	4	1	0	7	11	34
Minster (Sheppey)	4	0	1	8	7	21

#### DIVISION FIVE

Nonington	4	4	0	0	0	72
Cowdrey	4	3	1	4	4	66
Bapchild	4	2	1	5	7	54
Bromley Town	4	2	1	5	7	50
Chislehurst & WK	4	2	0	7	2	45
Blackheath	4	2	0	4	3	43
Offham	4	1	1	4	11	41
Bickley Park	4	0	0	8	7	15
Wickham Park	4	0	0	5	8	13
Walmer	4	0	0	3	8	11

#### FIXTURES

(All games start at 1.15pm unless otherwise stated)

**PREMIER DIVISION (NOON START):** Bromley v Tunbridge Wells; Lordswood v Sevenoaks Vine

**DIVISION ONE:** Tenterden v Canterbury

**DIVISION TWO:** Upchurch v Holmesdale

**DIVISION THREE:** Bromley Common v Linden Park

**DIVISION FIVE:** Chislehurst & West Kent v Cowdrey

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## FOOTBALL

# Olorunda brothers sign as Angels squad takes shape

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TIM Olorunda admits breaking into the Tonbridge Angels starting XI will be a challenge next season after joining the club from Hastings United for the second time in three years.

The 26-year-old became Tommy Warrilow's first summer signing earlier this week, having spoken to the Tonbridge manager at the Angels' end-of-season awards evening last Friday.

Olorunda said he was disappointed to leave Longmead in July 2009 after just one season with Warrilow's side and jumped at the chance of playing Conference South football next term.

"I did enjoy my time at Tonbridge and I didn't really want to go, if I'm honest," he said. "I like a challenge, I like pushing myself and it will be a challenge for me to get into the team in the first place. "Tommy wants to consolidate next season and he's bringing me in to challenge Scott Kinch. He wants two players in every position and I know I'll be the understudy to start off with. I'm happiest as a holding midfielder, protecting the back-four, but I'll play anywhere."

Olorunda's return to Longmead sees him renew acquaintances with his older brother Ade, the Angels striker. The pair were Tonbridge team-mates in the 2008/09 campaign and both started last season at Hastings before Ade made the switch back to Kent in December.

Among the nine other players now signed up for next season is Chris Henry, the winger who joined from Carshalton Athletic on transfer deadline day before being told his registration had not reached the Ryman League in time for him to play a part in the season's finale.

The others confirmed as staying are Kinch, Ade Olorunda, Lee Worgan, Jake



**BROTHERS IN ARMS:** Tim Olorunda (left) will play alongside brother Ade (right) at Tonbridge next season

Beecroft, Lee Browning, Sonny Miles, Lewis Taylor, Danny Walder and Frannie Collin. Centre-back Ben Judge added his name to the list by agreeing a new deal on Wednesday.

Warrilow's focus is now split between agreeing terms with the rest of last season's key players and attracting a handful of fresh faces to Longmead. Initially fearful some of them would be tempted away by the promise of more money at rival clubs, he praised

the patience and loyalty of those to have already penned deals.

"The boys approached by other clubs were made better financial offers than what we're able to offer," he said. "That proves it isn't about money, this is a fantastic changing-room. There were five players approached by clubs at this level and one of them was from a club at the level above."

"Everyone was waiting to see what we were going to do but we've now got 12 players signed,

which shows what a good little club we've got down here. It's important we stay injury-free next season because we won't have the biggest squad to start with. We can add to the squad once the season starts but we've got a budget which is sustainable over 38 weeks of the season."

Warrilow has told John Beales and Scott Gooding to spend time getting themselves fit during the summer, although he stressed the pair have not been released.

## FOOTBALL



**STAYING:** Tonbridge manager Tommy Warrilow

## Warrilow signs a two year deal at Tonbridge

TOMMY Warrilow has called for patience at the start of the new Conference South season, having signed a new two-year contract to stay on as Tonbridge Angels manager.

Promotion from the Ryman League has handed Warrilow his first chance to manage in the Conference but he knows the celebrations of May will seem a distant memory if the Angels struggle for results at the next level.

"I need people to be a little bit patient," he said. "If we start badly, I don't want people to react by saying 'he's out of his depth, he doesn't know what he's doing'."

"I hope some of the people who were quick to jump on people's backs last season just take a breath this time. We're not going there in awe of the division but we respect it and we know it's a jump in terms of the budgets."

"I'm one of those managers who wants things done properly. I want the players to be able to approach me, to sit down and have a drink with me. I don't take myself too seriously but I do take my football seriously."

## FOOTBALL



**MOVE?:** Tunbridge Wells defender Scott Whibley

## Question marks over Wells centre-back

DOUBTS have been raised over Scott Whibley's future with Tunbridge Wells after Kent League rivals Erith & Belvedere announced the defender had agreed to join them for next season.

Whibley featured regularly in central defence for the Wells last season and was part of the backline that kept a clean sheet in a 2-0 win over the Dares at Culverden in March.

Martin Larkin, the Wells manager, has always maintained none of his players would leave to join another club in the same division, although he declined to comment on Whibley's situation.

Meanwhile, the Wells have announced they will face Erith & Dartford Town, East Grinstead Town, Merstham and Whyteleafe in pre-season.



**SHAKE-UP:** Sevenoaks are without a manager

## SEVENOAKS TOWN

## New boss to start at Sevenoaks Town next week as board assess applicants

SEVENOAKS Town expect to unveil their new manager by the start of next week after whittling down the 20 applicants to a shortlist of six candidates.

Following Keith Levett's resignation last month, Town chairman Tony Smart has been contacted by a wide range of prospective replacements, including a number of managers in charge at other Kent League clubs.

Alongside vice-chairman Richard Dalton, club manager Graham Logsdon and reserve team boss John James, Smart arranged interviews for

Wednesday and Thursday, with a view to announcing Levett's replacement by Monday.

"We never advertised the job but I'm not surprised by the number of applicants we've had," he said. "Some of them weren't up to standard but that's fair enough, because everyone wants to better themselves. A lot of them are from clubs I've never heard of but some are from clubs within our own league."

Smart is aware the changes around the club will have an impact on the Sevenoaks playing squad, a year after Simon Jones' exit as manager

sparked widespread changes to the personnel Levett ended up taking into the season.

Joe Creasey, Toby Webb and Michael Cook all quit last summer and Smart is eager to avoid a repeat performance.

"We're trying to contact all the players we had last season to tell them what's going on," he said. "Some won't come back but I hope the majority do."

"It's important to get some stability because otherwise we start every season with a new team and we never do any good in the FA Cup or FA Vase, because they come so early in the season."





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